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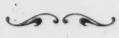

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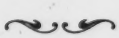

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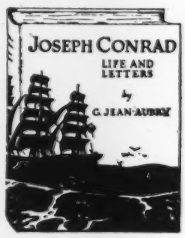

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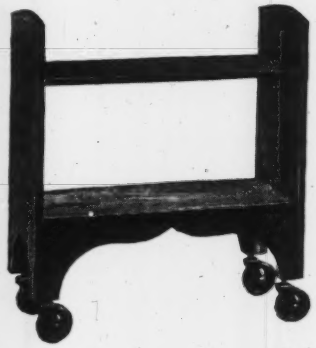

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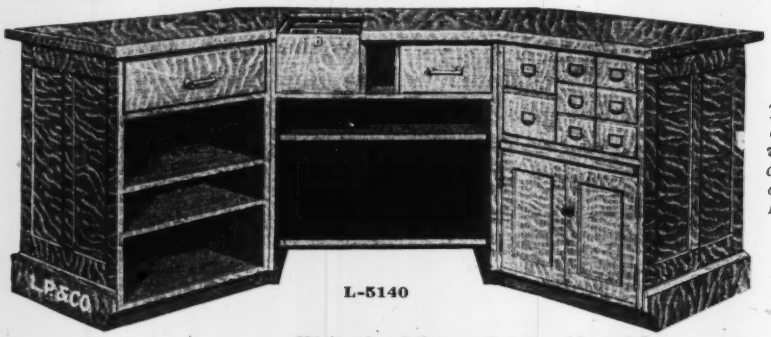

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Don't forget that the March first issue will be a special number on "Library Equipment" and we are requesting pictures and information about library signs and markers for county libraries, branches, and deposits. All material for this number must be in by February fifteenth.

The February fifteenth issue will be a general number but will include an article on "Classifying, Cataloging, and Binding League of Nations Publications," by C. E. Walton. The "Code of Library Ethics," as presented to the A.L.A. Council at the Midwinter meeting at Chicago, will also be included.

Herewith is the beginning of a special page of school news to be continued in EACH issue. No articles will be given on this page but an attempt will be made to include news notes and information from different school libraries over the country. The cooperation of school librarians is asked in making this page of greatest value to the profession.

Are you sending in news notes from your library? B. E. W.

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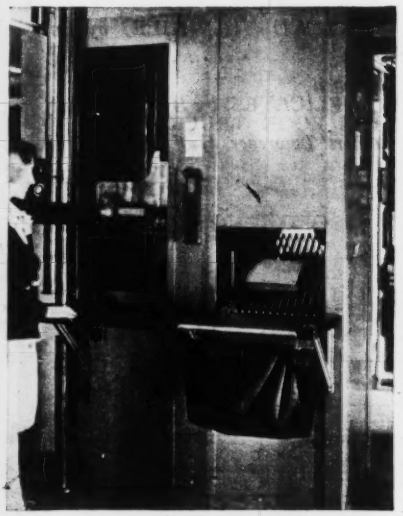

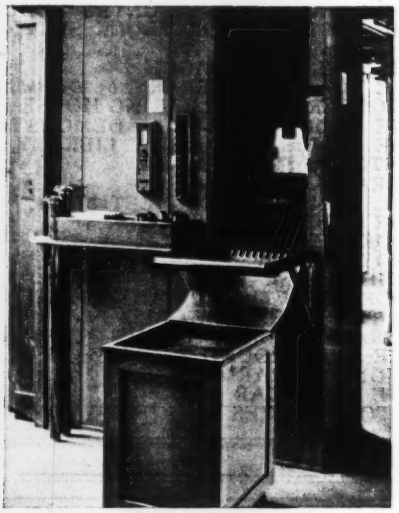

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The Dayton Public Library Book Wagon

By Paul North Rice

Librarian, Dayton Public Library

BOOK WAGON service was started in the Dayton Public Library in October, 1923. Speaking of the purposes of the Book Wagon to a newspaper reporter on the morning that it had started on its first trip, Miss Electra C. Doren said that it had been adopted as the only means available at present of reaching large sections of the city at a distance from the present libraries.

The Dayton Book Wagon leaving the library garage

"We have no money to build new branch libraries now," said Miss Doren, "so we have hit upon this plan of bringing the library service to the people. The Book Wagon idea was first developed at Hagerstown, Md., where the wagon was used for carrying books and magazines to the rural districts. New York and Evanston, Ill., are the only cities, so far as I know, where Book Wagons are now used for reaching the urban population. For the present the Book Wagon will not attempt to serve the county outside of Dayton."

Dayton's first Book Wagon was a half-ton Ford truck with a closed body. Book shelves had been placed along the inside walls of this wagon. There were doors at the rear, and the books were available from the inside only. This half-ton truck, with its special equipment of shelves, cost $623.

Almost at once this Book Wagon was outgrown. It was quite impossible to serve adequately the crowds that collected when books were available only to the few who could crowd inside the car. In June of 1924 a ton Ford truck was purchased with a special body constructed by the Pioneer Wagon Works. Both sides were made with hinges so that they could be raised displaying three book shelves, thus making books available from the outside. Extra supplies of books were carried in baskets inside, and the books when returned were also placed in these baskets. This Book Wagon cost $783 and could carry six to eight hundred books.

In December, 1928, our present Book Truck was purchased at a cost of $1,904. This is a ton and a half Reo truck with a specially constructed body. Again the sides are hinged, but only the top two-thirds of the side lift up, the

other third drops down, making a counter below the three displayed book shelves. Shelves are also built on the inside of the truck on which a reserve supply of books can be carried. Books returned are placed in baskets, which are also carried inside the truck. A thousand to twelve hundred books can be carried in our present Book Wagon.

A very noticeable jump in the circulation occurred during the year 1929. This jump can be accounted for in three ways: The enthusiastic work of Mrs. Eliza Ramsay and Miss Helen Tattershall, who have had the Book Wagon in charge, the increased attractiveness of the stock of books carried because of recent purchases, and the increased capacity of our new Reo Book Truck.

The Dayton Book Wagon at the Chrysler Sales Corp. Many of the girls, gathered about the wagon, were frightened away by the camera man

The following table shows the circulation from the Dayton Public Library Book Wagon during the six years of its history:

	Year	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Oct. 1—Dec.,	1923.....	3,482	5,645	9,127
	1924.....	16,165	34,596	50,761
	1925.....	22,639	53,211	75,850
	1926.....	26,470	56,629	83,099
	1927.....	24,574	46,962	71,536
	1928.....	26,120	53,244	79,364
	1929.....	40,550	64,994	105,544

The Dayton Public Library Book Wagon has never given house to house service, and stops only at certain appointed places or stations. The Book Wagon goes out every day of the week but Sunday, and has a definite schedule with stated hours at each of the twenty-five regular stops. These stops include public and parochial schools, grocery stores, factories, and corners near neighborhood centers. If possible, stations are selected that offer opportunity for shelter during very inclement weather. The corner grocery may be willing to have the Book Wagon work done inside the store on very stormy days. Whenever the weather permits, however, the work is done outdoors. Children's books are carried on the shelves on one side of the wagon and adult books on the other side. A small charging desk and a couple of stools are carried within the wagon. The Book Wagon chauffeur and his substitute are men who are regular members of the Library Staff, familiar with books and with the library processes of charging and discharging. Four days a week the Book Wagon is in charge of Mrs. Eliza Ramsay of the Main Library. On Monday and Tuesday it is in charge of Miss Helen Tattershall of the East Carnegie Branch. Some of the stops are so busy that it is necessary for a third junior assistant to go out.

The Book Wagon has always been considered a feeder for the branches. When Book Wagon stops are sufficiently well patronized, that is regarded as an indication that a branch should be placed in that region as soon as library funds permit. Book Wagon stops are frequently changed or discontinued both with the building of new branches and with shifts and changes in population. Every borrower at the Book Wagon, we hope, is a potential borrower at the Main building or one of the branches. A man in a factory registers at the Book Wagon because the books are brought right to him. After he has taken a few books, we hope that the desire for a greater choice may lead him to the nearest branch.

Miss Tattershall of our Book Wagon staff writes:

"The arrival of the Book Wagon is awaited eagerly by all its patrons, and others who never even read. Housewives leave their housework and the baby in care of a neighbor to be at the wagon on time. A splendid spirit of community cooperation has developed around the Book Wagon, and many delightful friendships have been made, because the Book Wagon has brought together people who have interests in common. The Book Wagon staff feels intimately acquainted with many other members of the families whom they have never seen. Books are selected regularly for the fathers who are at work, grandparents

and those who are ill or shut-in, most of which is done by a system of note correspondence. Of particular interest is the kind of work the Book Wagon does at one of Dayton's most important factories (The Duriron). Here everybody comes, from the engineers to the office boys and truck drivers. The as many biographies of its famous men as is possible. Every month and every season has some special interest of this sort, and a good deal of reference work, filling requests, etc., is done for both school teachers and children. Mothers also take advantage of the wagon stop at the schools. Sometimes the

At the Dayton Duriron Company. Everybody here, from the engineers to the office boys and truck drivers, uses the wagon

skilled mechanics are perhaps the most enthusiastic. A number of foreign men work here, and the Book Wagon has been the means of helping them to learn English quickly. In addition to regular library service, the Book Wagon is a valuable information bureau."

Mrs. Ramsay, in charge of our Book Wagon service four days a week, writes concerning the school, factory and neighborhood stops:

"The children find opportunity to read along the line of their school studies. We try to know in advance when they are studying any special country or any other special subject, and load the wagon accordingly; around Thanksgiving time furnishing abundant material (though it is never enough) on the early colonization of our country, and in February adding children get the books for their mothers, depending on our long-distance choice, but quite frequently the mothers come themselves. The Wagon is particularly helpful for the very little children, second and third grades, who are too small to go many blocks from home and who love to pick out their own books most trustfully asking, 'Do you think I can read this?' The circulation at school stops is often very heavy. The week before Christmas at one school 550 books were issued in an hour and a half.

"We find the factory stops particularly interesting as much individual work is possible. Many requests are received for particular titles and for books on special subjects. One man has read one by one the four huge volumes of Beveridge's *Life of John Marshall*. At one factory stop we always take a fresh

volume on psychology, biology or heredity for one omnivorous reader who is not interested in anything else! The McCall Publishing Company stop is especially awake to every new book of value. The interests there are extremely varied ranging from Zane Grey to Robinson's *Cavender's House* and the latest cry in sophistication.

"The stops for neighborhoods are full of human interest. Everyone comes, from grandpa to the tot who cries unless his mother gets him a picture book. (This isn't fancy, it happens often!) One old gentleman, a Civil War veteran, wants everything he can find on that period or on Lincoln and his contemporaries. One family wishes to move but decided against it because they would miss the Book Wagon, and that would be impossible. Mothers come to the Saturday stops with market baskets and boys' wagons and load up with books for the entire family.

"Perhaps one of the most colorful of the Book Wagon stops is in that section of the city known as the Hungarian colony. At the sound of our horn the neighborhood is around the wagon like a swarm of bees. These children, ragged, dirty little urchins for the most part, are wild for books, for any print, indeed. Even in freezing weather they line the curbstone looking at the magazines. Fairy-tales are most in demand among the children, and, of course, books in the Hungarian language for the adults unless the word comes, 'My mamma, she wants to try an English book.' Generally, however, they want their own language, and our Hungarian books are read and reread. A number of the children do the selecting for their parents, quite frequently escorting them to the wagon, interpreting for them as they sign their cards and generally piloting them through the routine of this queer, but pleasant, American custom."

After the Book Wagon service had completed its fourth year, Miss Electra Doren was asked why she considered Book Wagon service superior to service through Stations, that is, small collections of books furnished by the library to non-library agencies such as factories, department stores, etc. Miss Doren felt there were five reasons why she preferred Book Wagon service:

1. Quality and volume of circulation are always better under library personnel. Book Wagon issues at least ten times more than stations. Interest in books and reference questions stimulated.
2. Greater flexibility in book stock which is changed weekly for public on Book Wagon instead of quarterly or less frequently at stations. Hence greater interest because of greater variety from which to choose.
3. Books are not held inactive at unproductive stations when they are more needed elsewhere, consequently greater movement of stock through Book Wagon.
4. Books are better cared for, mended more frequently, fewer losses; also, reporting on use of books is more accurate.
5. Productive contacts with library patrons drawing them to the branch libraries for acquaintance with larger collections and cultural opportunities of the public library through influence of library personnel. This has never happened at any station—interest has declined, not grown.

One argument for a Book Wagon, quite aside from the library service that it gives, is the excellent publicity given to the library in its constant trips through city streets. Every time the citizens of Dayton see the conspicuous lettered "Dayton Public Library Book Wagon" they are reminded of their Public Library. And after six years' service there is still a novelty about seeing the Book Wagon staff actually at work issuing books to an eager crowd of adults or children. No phase of the Library's work secures newspaper publicity so readily.

The cost of Book Wagon service is not as great as might be assumed at first. The initial cost of almost $2,000 for a Book Wagon such as our ton and a half Reo seems a good deal, but if one considers that this one truck circulates over 100,000 books a year, the cost does not seem prohibitive. I doubt whether the extra cost of circulating the 100,000 books on the Book Wagon over the cost of circulating them at the Main library or a branch would be as much as two and one-half cents a volume, or $2,500 a year. This would be true even making a liberal estimate for depreciation of the Book Wagon, for gasoline and repairs and for the extra salaries of the people involved. Surely, two and a half cents a volume is not much to pay for the chance of distributing books through many parts of the city that can not well be reached by branches.

The Book Wagon has been defined as a "library station on wheels." Its forerunner was the horse-drawn book wagon first used by the library of Washington County, Maryland, in 1905, to transport books direct to country people

Book Wagons on Country Roads

By Elizabeth Fangmeyer

Cincinnati Public Library, Ohio

One of the eighty-two school stops made in Hamilton County by the Book Wagon

DUNLOW, situated on the Cincinnati-Brookville Pike at the point where the motorist removes his foot from the accelerator and prepares to glide down the long, winding slope into the valley of the Great Miami, might be termed a post-hamlet were it listed in Lippincott's Gazetteer. But editors of gazetteers pass by this spot as do the motorists bound for Indianapolis and points west, in spite of the sign board by the roadside whose black letters on a white ground announce to all passersby that here between these boundaries lies Dunlow. Nothing more. A few houses, a church and a general store. Population statistics here would never confuse a census-taker. In fact one-third of the inhabitants can be located at the store most any day in the year, but especially at those times when spring rains have made plowing impossible. There is always a checker game on an upturned cracker box and there are always a few stories going around, ever good in spite of their age and frequent retelling.

To-day there are about seven of these inhabitants gathered in the shadow of the flaming red gasoline pump—even old Tim, whose solitary existence back in the woods and whose evident distaste for soap, water and comb as well as other appurtenances of human society have made him the butt of many jibes.

Just across the road, and displaying signs of parking in front of the store, is something which, the oldest inhabitant sagely remarks, looks to him like a truck load of books. Agreed. It is a truck load of books. Thereupon the tall lean man with the tobacco jaw informs his neighbor that he's seen many things being hauled in trucks from "hawgs" to circus calliopes but he'd be switched if he'd ever before seen a truck load of books.

Now the miracle of modern progress has been skilfully parked in the space between a mud-spattered Ford and a lumber wagon and the driver is raising the glass panels, thus offering to Dunlow and the surrounding countryside a fair size collection of books, gay in covers of green, yellow, red and blue. A young lady, very businesslike with her pencil and stamping pad, approaches, with a smile and nod for all present, from her seat beside the driver. Evidently something unusual is happening in Dunlow today. Even the checker players look interested enough to give up the game if necessary.

"Nice lookin' lady," announces someone, probably a local wit.

"Don't reckon she'll sell many books around here." This from one of the checker players.

"There was a book pedlar to my place last week sellin' *Bibles*. My dog seed him first."

But it takes the storekeeper to explain matters. Wiping the pickle brine from his hands on his long apron and adjusting his pencil to a proper angle behind his ear, he assumes the grand manner of an informing grocer.

"You fellows are pretty dumb, I guess. This lady is a librarian from the Public Library in Cincinnati. If you ever read anything in this store beside free coupon offers you'd see the sign telling you that the library up there is sending out books to all folks in the county that cares to read them. This lady and this book truck will be here the third Monday in every month and you can get books for nothing if you're not too lazy to pick them out."

Quite a speech for Dunlow's grocer; but then, he may be a Sunday School Superintendent, too, you know.

"Well," as the thin nosed man remarks, "it don't cost anything to look," and so they decide to inspect the truck and its contents.

"Chevrolet, ain't it?" asks the owner of the muddy Ford. "Did you have the body made to order? I bet them shock absorbers make her ride easy. Say, have you got a book on how to repair Fords?"

Old Tim, the hermit, surprises them all, including the librarian, by his solemn request for Xenophon's *Anabasis* or the work of Cornelius Nepos.

Being a well trained and experienced library assistant, the young lady weathers the shock, informs her patron that she hasn't the book with her this time but she will certainly have one or both on the next trip, meanwhile wondering just what to give this literary eremite from the collection on the truck.

From the frame cottage across the way, Mrs. T. has seen the book truck and now she comes through the gateway—a tall thin woman wearing a bright sunbonnet, the use of which is belied by her deep "sun tan" complexion.

"Howdy, miss. I seed you comin' and I just put on my hat and come right over. My boy said this morning, 'Ma, don't you forget to get me some books when the book truck comes, to-day. Tell the lady I want western ones.' I guess you'll have to do the pickin' because I don't know much about readin'. I come from Tennessee."

From the house next to that of Mrs. T., the one with the well trimmed lawn and shuttered doorway, comes a young woman with a baby in her arms.

"I saw Mrs. T. come over and I thought I'd come, too," she says shyly, pushing aside the baby hands that reach for a bright book. "I'd like a cooking book and maybe a story, too."

Someone has discovered *God and the Groceryman* and the village wit shouts to the storekeeper, "Just the book for you, John, so you'll feel more honest and not weigh your hand along with the sugar." The rest join in the laugh.

A shy young fellow coming out of the store asks if there are any German books to be had for his grandmother who cannot read English. Then little "Grossmutter" is brought out to the truck to select with shining eyes several Marlitts and Courths-Mahlers written in the language she has not read for many years.

The storekeeper remembers almost at the last minute that he is supposed to get a book on the diseases of fruit trees for a farmer who couldn't get in at the scheduled time and that the farmer's wife desires two good novels. These are to be left at the store until called for at mail time.

And so the populace of Dunlow accept their share of the county library service offered by the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

All of the villages do not respond as readily as this one on the first visit and the librarian, in making house to house visits meets many and diverse opinions on the subject of reading. Take for instance the initial trip to Ten Mile in the western end of the county.

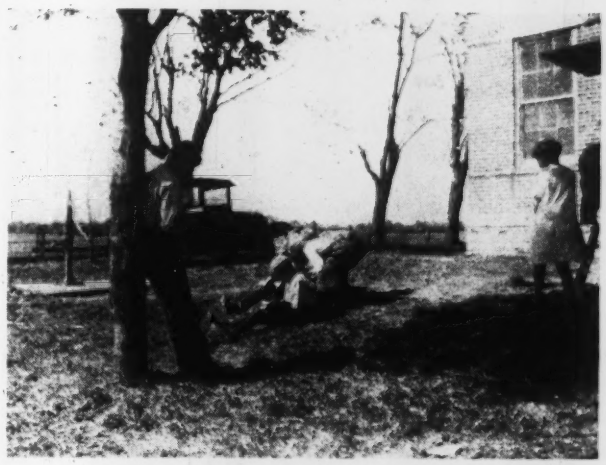
It is a raw blustery day in November and the librarian, her wool coat buttoned to her chin, is anxiously peering up and down the road for signs of possible patrons. There are no signs. Even the storekeeper, peering out above the flyspecked "coupon" dishes, canvas gloves and unripe bananas in his show window, shakes his head despairingly.

Coming thus from one whose knowledge of the social life of Ten Mile has been gained through experience, this sign of discouragement casts a chill upon librarianish ardor. But merely a chill. Library enthusiasm warm in

her heart the lady sets out to visit the six households in the village of Ten Mile.

House number one, set far back from the road in a yard overgrown with last summer's weeds, presents a smokeless chimney, and broken windows with shutters flapping in the wind. No one here to enjoy library privileges.

The door of the next house is opened by a surly looking individual who evidently resents having to leave the cheerful glow of the base-burner to welcome callers. No, he does not want any books, but maybe the hired girl might. This damsel would be delighted to have a book, but she must finish up her work before indulging in such pastimes.



"I have a swell one this time!" Youthful Book Wagon readers in Hamilton County

At the third house, where a little yapping dog announces her arrival, the librarian is greeted with, "Ich kann kein English verstehen" from a little woman who places her foot in the doorway in self defense. How can the poor librarian, whose knowledge of German has been gleaned in a year or two of German I and German II, explain to this person the delightful opportunity offered to get a library book. With a smile which grows more pensive at each closing door, she goes on to the next house.

Here two charming ladies offer doughnuts and a seat by the fire near a beautiful angora pussy on a cushion, but they do not care to get books this time. Perhaps next month.

At number five the librarian is mistaken for a buyer of antiques and is coolly bidden to depart. Obviously the dealers in antiques have harassed this household to the point of murder, but the librarian, establishing her identity by the presence of the book truck up on the road, is invited in to see the Wedgwood plates and walnut secretaries and leaves with the promise to bring a book on old china and glass next time.

Number six has too many quilts to be pieced and her eyes are bad; furthermore, she will soon go to visit her married daughter in Hamilton. As this is the last house in the village a weary-spirited librarian returns to her book truck hoping for better luck next time. As is usually the case in village stops, Ten Mile, after several more trips has become decidedly interested in reading and new borrowers appear each month.

And so the book truck goes speeding on its way. Well, not exactly speeding, for village constables have been known to arrest drivers of county cars in spite of license plates.

Science Hall, though its name suggests the space and grandeur of a World's Fair, is forsooth a house of learning, its frame walls and belfry set firmly in a wide clearing of the woods. Its student body numbers twenty in good weather and the faculty but one in any season. Today the library book truck pulls up in the school yard next to the ancient and muddy vehicle that jounces the teacher over the back roads to the school house every morning. Through the windows comes the monotonous buzz of the Fourth and Fifth Grade struggle with the tables of nine or the Seventh Grade's united recital of the bones of the body. Then—a frantic waving of hands to attract the teacher's notice. The Book Truck is here!

The reciting is over and books are closed as the librarian and her assistant enter this single room school. Library books from the last stop are checked and counted while the children race each other out the door to the truck and make their choice of fairy tales, "twins," histories and story books. Each child is permitted to take but one book and when he has read it he gives it to the teacher who "circulates" it to another child in the class. At the next stop, a month later, these books are exchanged for others of the children's choice.

"Teacher, gimme another book about Henry Ware."

"Did you bring me the book you promised about Abe Lincoln on the flatboat?"

"I like to read about battles and wars."

"So do I. I had a swell one last time."

"Teacher, is this all right for a Third Grade girl to read?"

And so the chatter continues until the last book is dated, the shelves are closed and the book truck is on its way to the next school.

Book truck service in Hamilton County was begun in September, 1927, with one truck, a Chevrolet with a specially built body costing $1,500. The work was planned to cover both schools and village stops but the demands of the children were so great as to eliminate any idea of serving adults that year. Stops were made every two months instead of monthly as originally planned. The book truck covered over five thousand miles the first year, served 178 classrooms in 74 schools and circulated 59,412 volumes.

A single room school with nineteen pupils circulated 463 volumes and a five room school circulated 5755 volumes during this time. By September, 1928, another truck was added to be used for monthly village stops and to supply the schools nearest the villages. The first truck continued to serve the elementary schools and high schools, making monthly stops this year. At present the two book trucks make eighty-two school stops and twenty village stops.

Hamilton County contains 407 square miles and has a population of more than 550,000. The Public Library of Cincinnati has been serving this county for almost thirty years through branches, deposit stations and classroom collections. The book truck service was established to reach communities which were not receiving any book service or where the deposit stations were not being successfully managed. In the case of juvenile readers, a monthly choice from a large collection is far more enjoyed than a small collection changed only every three or six months.

The type of books asked for depends on the type of the community. The farming centers request books on vegetable growing, poultry raising and fruit culture. At Columbia Park which is a settlement of resident engineers and employees of the Union Gas and Electric Power Plant on the Ohio River about twenty-five miles below Cincinnati, the librarian must supply calls for *Trader Horn*, *Elmer Gantry* and *Bridge of San Luis Rey* as well as cook books and garden books.

But whether the call comes for the *Koran* or for *Abie's Irish Rose*, in Symmes Township or New Baltimore, over hills and through valleys, on paved roads or dirt lanes, in snow, rain, or sunshine, the book truck librarians will supply the book.

The Cost of Book Truck Service—Is It Worth While?

By Edna Holden

County Librarian, Logansport Public Library, Ind.

THE EXACT cost of book-truck service is most difficult to estimate. One can add twelve months' garage rent, so many hundred gallons of gasoline, quarts of oil and alcohol plus the price of two or more tires and a few patches with perhaps a repair bill or two and call the result the running expenses of the book truck. Divide this by the number of miles traveled and we glibly say: "It costs so many cents per mile to run our book truck." But what about the librarian, who is such an important part of this service? How much per mile does she cost and how many miles can she go? This equation is not so easily solved. It is like trying to set a price on the sunshine or rain or an intangible thing.

I have tried to collect the tangible facts from several libraries using truck service and have given them to you, hoping they would help to answer the problem of costs and we could go to the question: Is it worth while? As far as I can find out the answer is unanimously YES from the librarians and patrons having this service.

At Portland, Ore., they have two trucks—one for summer service with the books on the outside of the truck and the other for winter with the books on the inside. They write: "We cannot speak too highly of this service. Our routes are made every two weeks. We simply could not withdraw the service. It is about the most successful thing we do."

Greenville, S. C., has been using a truck for six years, visiting schools, villages and mills every two weeks, thus giving direct service only where they can make a stop of several hours length and serve a whole community from some sort of center of population. Their county is too large for them to make visits to individual homes; but they feel that they are most successful in the work that they do with a truck.

Hibbing, Minn., known as the richest village in America, for many years has had a book truck which carries about one thousand books and can accommodate six people at a time. They do real work in Americanization for many of their people are foreigners and cannot read

English. In several places where there are both Finns and Swedes each group selects its reader and gathers round him while he reads. Truly this is an unexpected fulfillment of America's promise of opportunity. And the book truck has made it possible, for they are people who would never think of seeking libraries and books. The books had to go to them.

Iowa State Library Association so thoroughly believes in the truck that after the passage of the state county library law a book truck was equipped and sent from county to county to aid in the establishment of county libraries.

A family returning a bushel basket of books and selecting new ones from the Logansport, Ind., Book Wagon. Unfortunately, a poor exposure

The schools find that the regular arrival of the book truck keeps the children interested in books and reading. The ever-changing collection on the truck shelves gives them wide choice, and they never feel that they have read all the books in the library, a feeling sometimes expressed about deposit collections.

The patrons having house-to-house service are very firm believers in the book truck, and will fight for its maintenance if necessary, as it was at one time in our county.

Several Indiana libraries are now using a book truck for school work, house-to-house visits, and Muncie is even using one to visit her parks in the summer and circulating books from that center.

The initial cost of the various trucks in the state seems to run from $109 to $165 for the building of bookcases on various chasses with an additional $15 to $20 for lettering the body. The Bloomington-Monroe County one is the newest in the state, I believe. They are using a half-ton Ford truck with panel body.

The body was rebuilt for $165 and the gold lettering cost $12, making the total $860.15. This truck, as all the others in the state with one exception, has the bookcases on the outside so that the service must be given on the outside. The Rochester-Fulton County is the one exception. It carries about one thousand books on shelves built on the inside of the body and will admit ten or twelve people at one time. This is certainly a library on wheels. The initial cost is somewhat more, as you will see from the chart.

The cost of operating varies, of course, with the size of the truck, kind of service given (that is, whether house-to-house work is done or not) and the kind of roads in the county.

The Logansport-Cass County truck costs .057 cents per mile, which seems to be about the average. This includes garage rent, gasoline, oil, alcohol, repairs and tires, but no depreciation on the truck. Rochester and Logansport have two county workers, while Evansville has three. All clerical work and cataloging is done by the city assistants. Rochester hires a driver for the winter months, which adds about $200 to their expenses. The figures on the chart are from places having truck service in addition to stations and sub-branches, so that the figures are not of the circulation from the truck alone. In our case we cannot divide the two expenses, as they are interchangeable.

The rural service Book Wagon used from September to June in Portland, Ore. Dodge truck with 600 book capacity

It has been shown that schools, villages, factories and individual homes can be successfully served from the book truck. Is this

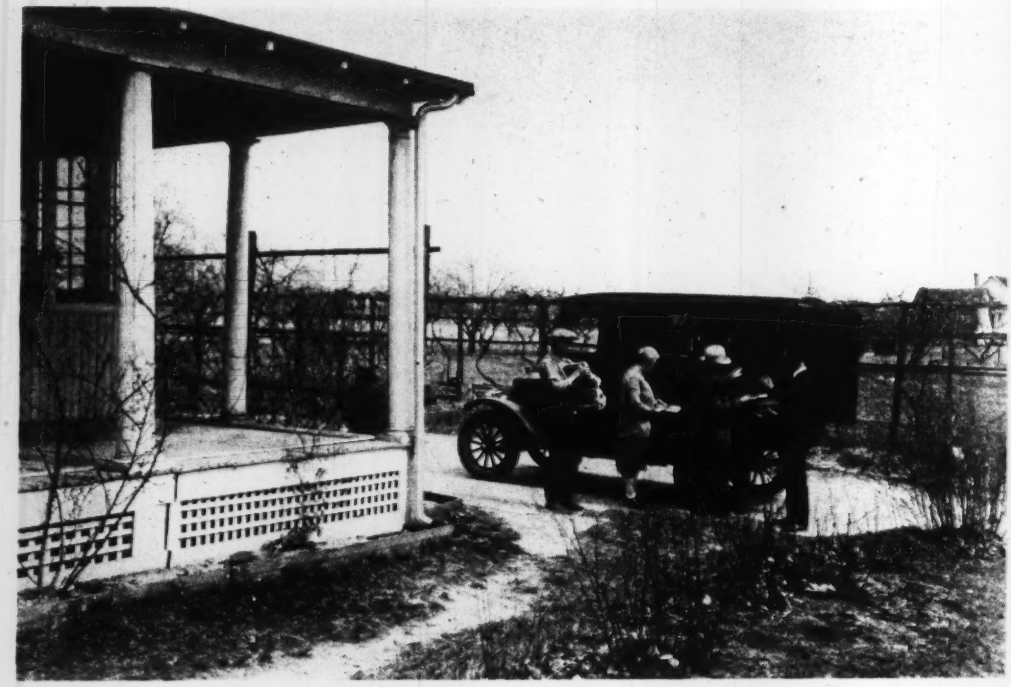
kind of service worth while? If so, what are the advantages?

We who do it feel that there is no question about it being worth while. Every day's work is proof anew of that. We reach the people who are too shy to enter a library building, where they fear they may make a mistake. We give individual service, and know our patrons personally from the grandparents to the newest baby. Know their interests and desires. In our county we circulate many times the number of non-fiction books from the truck that are borrowed from the stations and sub-branch. Why? Because the truck has a trained librarian in charge who knows her books and her people, and whose job it is to see that the right books get to the right people. Because many times the patron does not realize that there is a book on just the subject he needs, and therefore he never asks for it. Many station keepers are willing and eager to do their best, but they do not know the books as we, at least, ought to know them.

Then, so many rural people are not familiar with books or authors. It is quite a common occurrence for a patron to say, "You pick me out some. I like the ones you choose better than the ones I get. They don't always read like the title sounds."

The truck is a fine advertiser. People do notice it and ask concerning it. I have found that no matter how much we advertise or try to publish the opportunities of the library, and that it is free to all, there are a goodly number of people who do not understand. Really, in beginning county work one must be an expert salesman, for it is just as hard to overcome people's fears of being taken in as it would be to sell them a book. We have made three or four visits, months apart, before people are convinced that it is all right, and that they want to borrow books. I remember one woman who refused books several times and at last explained that she could not, she feared, read a book through in a week. When we explained that we came only once in six weeks, she eagerly came out to the wagon and selected six books to read in six weeks, and now is one of our best patrons. So the truck is a reality, and not just a newspaper article to them.

We frequently find town people who, never having used the town library, move to the country and become users of the book truck because the books are brought to them. We



Books being selected for the community libraries and the library in operation, Camden County Free Library, New Jersey

COST OF BOOK TRUCK SERVICE

Library	Truck	Initial Cost	Yearly Mileage	Cost per mile	Tax rate	Circulation per capita	Cost of circulation per capita
Bloomington	Ford, 1929, ½ ton	$860.15	....	....	....	....	....
Evansville—8 Tp.	Chevrolet, 1927	890.00	7,231	.053	.04	5.05	....
Logansport	Dodge, 1927, ¾ ton	1,050.32	6,068	.057	.03	6.4	.08
Muncie—1 Tp.	Dodge, ½ ton	1,185.00	4,000	.032	.03	....	.09
Rochester—6 Tp.	Ford, 1928, 1½ ton	1,850.00	5,635	.08	.03½ .04½	7.5	.11
Portland, Ore.	2 trucks	.....	6,741	.103	....	....	....
Noblesville—1 Tp.	Dodge, 1921	1,414.00	2,040	.0421	.04	10.7	.09

are sometimes amused at a few of our book-truck patrons who borrow books for their sons and daughters and live in town, but never go to the library, who think they get better books from the truck.

The truck is a strong link with the main library, and develops many readers for that institution. When a rural patron becomes accustomed to library rules, understands about returning books on time, feels acquainted with you and perhaps some of the others at the library, and comes to the place where he wishes more choice than the truck affords, he is willing and often pleased to come to the main library. We feel that this is quite a good thing, for the large library does have a stimulating influence that the small collection in a station or truck can never have.

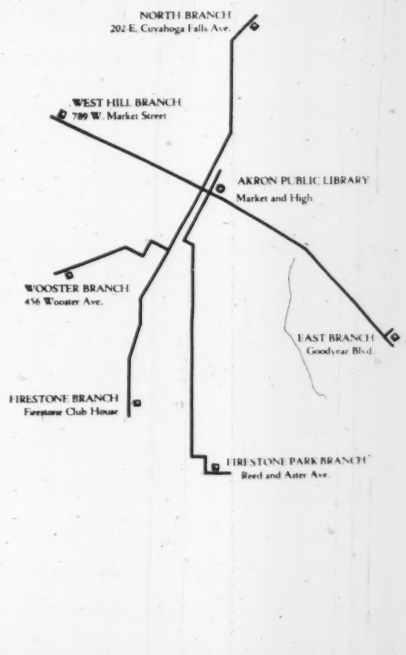
From the money standpoint we are convinced that it is possible to operate for less money and reach more people with a truck than with only stations and branches. The book collection can be many times smaller and still be adequate. All the books are in constant use. Fewer copies of a title are needed because there will be no copies standing on a shelf for two or three months without being used, as must often happen in a station.

The library truck, then, goes to its people, seeking them out, not waiting for them to become library-conscious. If it is worth while for the grocer and baker to go to their customers, as they are now doing in almost every community, why should not the library do the same? It is just modern business.

Is it worth while? Unanimously YES!

The Welcome Wagon

THE WELCOME WAGON is an organization, with home offices at 1500 Columbian Mutual Tower, Memphis, Tenn., which procures the names of new property owners or renters. Its hostess is one of the first to call upon the stranger in a strange town and in Akron, Ohio, a card from the Public Library is presented along with a letter of welcome from the Mayor and such other valuables as theater tickets, coupons for the first loaf of Bond bread, the first two dollars' worth of electrical supplies and advice as to the best milk for the baby. The only cost to the Akron Library, by arrangement with headquarters officials, is the cost of printing the card presented. The local hostess uses a white Studebaker closed car with a negro chauffeur, and Mr. Collins, Librarian at Akron, feels that the library is introduced in a dignified way and yet with cordial and hearty recommendations. This is a rapidly expanding organization, and at present is operating in twenty-one towns and cities.



This Card presented at the

AKRON PUBLIC LIBRARY

or any of its branches
entitles you to a

Reader's Card

and full library privileges

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Your Name

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For Reference—Name of Citizen

Courtesy of the Welcome Wagon

The Roadside Library

By Donald K. Campbell

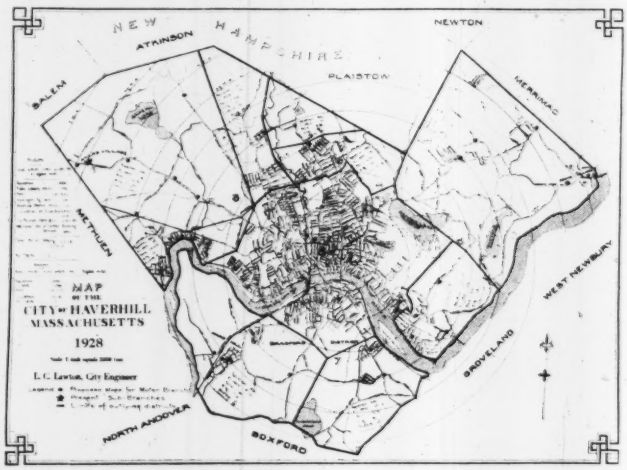
Librarian, Haverhill Public Library, Massachusetts

What Is It?

A ONE AND ONE-HALF ton bus chassis with specially built library body to accommodate 1000 books. Enclosed body to hold with comfort six people at a time, with driver's seat and assistant's work desk. This body heated in winter, cooled in summer.

How Does It Distribute Books?

It makes regularly routed stops of one-half or more hours each at convenient crossroads, near stores, post-offices, grange headquarters, or other convenient centers handy to the most people. It includes the possibility of parking outside a grange or community hall or other evening center to be available and attractive to people visiting these centres for social or business purposes.



What Kind of Books?

Books that will help with trade, farm, club, school work. Stories, biographies, books of travel, poems, plays, and magazines. Brings continuing supply of fresh, new books. Its purpose, to make available any book, anywhere in the library system, for any resident of the city. It extends city library facilities to all persons living beyond easy reach of central library and large branches.

How Does the Public Library now Reach its Public?

The ratio of card holders at present is:

One to each two and two-thirds of population resident within a mile and one-half of the central library or either branch.

One to each ten of population resident a mile and a half or more from the central library or either branch. More than 12,000 people live in this outside district.

The circulation of books from the five little branches at present in this outlying district has averaged for six years 12,500 per year.

We believe conservatively that a traveling automobile branch will double the amount of circulation done under present conditions from these little sub-branches.

We base this estimate on the experience of other cities using this means of rural book service, and on a study of the present use of the five sub-branches. To equal the average week's work done by the outlying stations during the last six years, this book automobile will need to circulate in the districts listed in table below:

Ayers Village district	50 books per week
Rocks Village district	72 books per week
North Parish district	57 books per week
Riverside district	41 books per week
Ward Hill district	21 books per week
Total	241 books per week

The public library user reads an average of about 20 library books per year.

If this automobile book branch can interest one in five of the 12,000 suburban residents of the city (2400) to read this average number per year, the result would be some 48,000 divided on the basis of population about as follows:

Ayers Village district	240 books per week
Rocks Village district	115 books per week
North Parish district	258 books per week
Riverside district	252 books per week
Ward Hill district	161 books per week
Total	1,026 books per week

To be conservative, we halve this total and still have more than 500 estimated circulation

of books, or double the present circulation of 241 books each week.

One person in five is about half the number of persons who use a public library or branch in thickly settled city districts.

Citing the reaction of a city which has tried this system—the Evanston (Illinois) Librarian has this to say concerning the experience of such a service in that city:

Book Auto Service of Evanston Public Library

"We have operated our book truck for eight summers to take the place of the school stations which had not proved successful mediums for issuing books during the long vacation season.

"It has scheduled routes (a different one each of five days) and stops about every second block, sounds the horn, and the people come out as to a vegetable wagon and select their books.

"For all-year-round service in your climate, as in ours, a large truck such as is used by the Hibbing Library, Minn., would seem the only feasible type.

"If, as with us, whatever you do is of necessity more or less of a compromise between nothing and something partially good, I would say that for scattered communities, we have found that we can provide much more for the same amount of money through book auto service.

"Books do not lie idle in stations between days of opening. Collections in truck can easily be modified to suit communities traversed.

"Assistance in book selection is of primary importance. One experienced adaptable librarian on book truck gains an experience and a background which makes her services more profitable to community and library than the same total salary investment in the part time station librarians.

"There are definite advantages in the informal and intimate service of a book truck. We found that dozens of Polish families took books from the truck who had not patronized any other form of a library agency.

"We found that one of our greatest assets the first two summers was that the librarian in charge was one of the school librarians, who was very popular with the children. When the parents saw that the children knew her they gave no objections to the children 'taking,' and would sign for cards for themselves.

"The book truck has been one of the most interesting library experiences with which I have been connected.

"It has issued during these years an average of 10,000 volumes a summer to people who would not otherwise have used books.

"There seems to have been nothing which the library has ever done which has so attracted the attention of the various city departments and of the press as has the book auto.

"Also the people in the parts of the city remote from the central sections felt a sense of gratitude in that as they say: 'We now have something for our taxes which the people on the east side do not have. Previously they gained most from their tax money, for they are near enough to the lake front to profit by the money spent to improve it, but now we have books to offset that.'"

RUNNING EXPENSE OF AUTOMOBILE BRANCH LIBRARY BASED ON A 6000 PER YEAR MILEAGE

Gasoline	600 gallons	@	$0.22	$132.00
Oil	18 gallons	@	1.00	18.00
Greasing	6 times	@	2.00	12.00
Brakes adjusted	1	@	5.00	5.00
Valves ground	1	@	12.00	12.00
Washing	12 times	@	2.50	30.00
Tire and tube				60.00
Garage	12 months	@	6.50	78.00
Heat				50.00
Insurance—fire and theft				44.00
Insurance—compulsory				44.00
Insurance—property				48.00
Registration				30.00
Paint				10.00
Miscellaneous repair				10.00
Total				$583.00

(.0971 cost per mile)

READJUSTMENT OF COSTS UNDER PROPOSED SYSTEM

Salaries	*Present*	*Proposed*
Rural service	$1,026.85	$1,050.00
Branch transportation	0.00	232.88
School book transportation	78.72	78.72
Other service	604.22	263.69
Total	$1,709.79	$1,625.29

Mechanical Expenses	*Present*	*Proposed*
Rural service	$ 74.06	$349.56
Branch transportation	454.50	318.26
School book transportation	102.50	116.52
Other service	53.50	5.52
Total	$684.56	$789.86
Grand totals	$2,394.35	$2,415.15
Less		2,394.35
Total cost of new system over present system		$20.80

This is an estimate based on extremely conservative figures. It is probable that this cost figure would be shaded from $150.00 to $200.00 when under operation.

RURAL BRANCHES

1927 *Maintenance Cost*—	
Upkeep	$74.06
Salaries—branch assistants	725.35
Salaries—Mr. Laing	301.50
Total	$1,099.85

Proposed Automobile Branch Cost—

Maintenance	3,600 miles @ .0971	$ 349.56
Salaries	52 weeks @ 20.236	1,050.00
Total		$1,399.56

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

1927 *Maintenance Cost—*		
4 trips	@ $5.00	$20.00
16 hours	@ .656	10.49
Total		$30.49
Cost Under Proposed System—		
4 hours	@ .656 (Assistant's time)	2.62

LOWELL AVENUE TRIPS

1927 *Maintenance Cost—*		
4 trips	@ $1.50	$6.00
6 hours	@ .656	3.93
Total		$9.93
Cost Under Proposed System—		
2 hours	@ .656	1.31

CHESTNUT STREET TRIPS

1927 *Maintenance Cost—*		
3 trips	@ $0.50	$1.50
2 hours	@ .656	1.31
Total		$2.81
Cost Under Proposed System—		
5 miles	@ .0971	.485
2 hours	@ .656	1.31
Total		$1.79

ERRANDS AND GIFTS

1927 *Maintenance Cost—*		
52 trips	@ $0.50	$26.00
26 hours	@ .656	17.05
Total		$43.05
Cost Under Proposed System—		
52 miles	@ .0971	$5.04
26 hours	@ .656	17.05
Total		$22.09

Assistance to be Provided at Main Library—	
1927 maintenance cost	$571.44
Proposed cost	242.40

This saving in salary would become possible partly by redistribution of duties, but principally by releasing a higher salaried assistant to more important duties in connection with promoting rural library service and replacing the more mechanical portion of his duties at the central library with a lower salaried assistant.

Brief prepared for Library Board regarding subject of suburban book service.

A Cooperative Clearing House for Duplicates

By H. W. Wilson

ONE OF the chief reasons for printing the Provisional Edition of the *Union List of Serials* was that it might serve as a want list of what was needed to complete sets of periodicals, and give opportunity to libraries to dispose of unwanted duplicates. This theory proved in practice to be somewhat visionary for several reasons. First, libraries did not have people who could give the time necessary to make lists of duplicates of volumes and fractional sets and quote them to other libraries in need. It was discouraging also to find that often the library to which quotation was made did not care to complete some sets except by gift. And so it came about that the dream of consolidating useless fractions into complete sets for regional use was not realized, and the final edition of the *Union List* was printed showing many cases where one library still holds a scrap that is needed to complete a set in a neighboring library.

At the time when this Provisional Edition was published the matter of cooperation through the office of the *Union List* in the exchange of periodicals was considered. A plan was made, but it was thought inadvisable to put it into operation, since it was expected that libraries would carry on for themselves.

Now, with the publishing of a supplement to the *Union List*, the question again arises whether such a cooperative plan cannot be made successful. The following is suggested:

Invite every library to send to the Clearing House, on 3 x 5 thin paper slips, a record of duplicate or unwanted sets or partial sets. The slips should be typed in the style of the *Union List* and show the price at which items should be sold. The Clearing House will, if requested, give its best advice as to prices that should be charged.

When lists have been received from all of the libraries that wish to cooperate, all cards will be thrown into one alphabet as "copy" for a printed catalog, which will be issued and distributed to all libraries thought to be interested.

The selling library will make shipment direct to the buying library and will receive credit for the amount of the sale, less commission from the Clearing House. The cost of operating the Clearing House, printing the sales catalogs, and keeping the accounts should be met from a commission of probably 25 per cent on all sales brought about. In case of a balance due to a library or the Clearing House, payment by check may be required by either.

In case this plan is well thought of, the H. W. Wilson Company will be willing to undertake it, and without obligation on the part of the libraries that cooperate. The expenses of operation will be computed just as are the costs of other operations of the company, and, if experience shows that 25 per cent is too high or too low, the rate of commission will be adjusted to cover cost of operation, with a small margin of safety. If the plan is undertaken, the Wilson Company would be glad to have an advisory committee appointed, unless the Advisory Committee on the *Union List* would be willing to enlarge its responsibilities and cooperate in this plan.

Having lived all my life in daily contemplation of cost accounting methods and calculation of overhead expenses, I can readily understand that one who has been free from such unpleasant conditions will have no idea of what it costs a library to handle its own disposition of unwanted periodicals, and may therefore feel that a commission of 25 per cent is high. I can say with certainty that if such a business can be carried on and sales consummated at that cost, it will effect a great saving. I am sure that the work can be centrally done at a half and perhaps a quarter of the cost of having it done in many places. Undoubtedly the chief advantage would be that of moving the periodicals from a state of idleness to a state of productivity, with a comparatively small outlay of cash.

This plan does not provide help in disposing of odd numbers or items of too little value to warrant inclusion in a printed catalog. The first problem in handling duplicates of this sort is to know what has value and what should be sold for waste paper. For the last two years the Wilson Company has kept a record of orders and sales as a basis for determining what and how much stock will be required to meet its probable need for some years to come. To help build the stock up to this requirement, a want list covering more than a thousand titles has been prepared, and we believe it is safe to assume that numbers of these periodicals not on this want list have little value. In some cases bulk shipments of all and any items the library has might be sent by freight from a distance of a few hundred miles, and the credit given exceed the freight charges. Ordinarily, we should advise librarians to check the list of wanted periodicals, ship only what is worth shipping, and dispose of the balance as waste paper. The making of lists of duplicates of the more popular periodicals is generally useless, but lists of important periodicals not in this catalog should be made and submitted to dealers.

The publishing of this want list is an experiment, but it is expected that revised and enlarged editions will be issued from time to time, and it is hoped that it will be found eventually to be a safe and dependable guide in selecting from stocks of the more common periodicals those numbers that should not be destroyed.

The Bookmobile as a Demonstration Book Truck

THOUSANDS of people from all walks of life in many States of the Union had their first knowledge of book trucks as they gazed upon the Bookmobile while it traveled over the country in 1929. Methods of using book trucks in rendering library service to remote sections of cities and counties were described to a large percentage of them.

One of the original purposes for which the Bookmobile was built was to give demonstrations of this kind. Explanations to librarians, library trustees, school authorities and county officials were given in much greater detail. If results may be measured by the widespread and favorable professional and newspaper comments, this object alone seems to have justified the expense borne by the long list of sponsors of the Bookmobile.

Contrary to some expectations, the Bookmobile is not a model book truck, that may be duplicated for local use. Different duties to be performed in various places, local climatic and road conditions, available resources and other considerations make it impracticable to design a truck to suit or even act as a dependable model for use under all circumstances.

The Bookmobile copied some of the best ideas from different trucks now in use throughout the country. It has a few that are original. Many features successfully used in local book trucks were omitted so as not to interfere with the advantageous display of the permanent exhibit that it carries. This exhibit consists of reference books, catalogs, library supplies and equipment of those sponsoring the expedition.

To be an inspiration rather than a model is the purpose of the Bookmobile. Its size, shape and color attract the attention of the most sophisticated passers-by. To the layman, the ideas it represents are new and impressive. The thoughts that are provoked and the memories that crystallize when it is recalled by local agitation for county library service are its chief contribution to library progress. Now, almost

The Bookmobile is now touring the Lower Mississippi Valley

a year later, favorable echoes of its early visits are heard as library reports for 1929 are read and discussed.

The cumulative effect of these demonstrations, the newspaper and magazine publicity, talks and contacts should be valuable in making the establishment of county library systems increasingly simple and more frequent. They should hasten the time when book trucks become standard library equipment everywhere.

The nation-wide tour of the Bookmobile has been continuous since Jan. 3, 1929. At present it is visiting the lower Mississippi Valley in charge of Mr. Thomas J. McLaughlin. Advance routes are published in library and book trade publications and sent by mail immediately prior to individual visits.

The Bookmobile is cooperatively sponsored by the National Association of Book Publishers, the American Booksellers Association, R. R. Bowker Company, H. W. Wilson Company, H. R. Huntting Company and Gaylord Brothers, who are assisted by the American Library Association, F. W. Faxon Company, Public Affairs Information Service and many other firms and associations. It is their ambassador of good-will to the library and bookselling world and offered to individual localities in the hope that it may be found useful in promoting their respective ambitions.

The Tompkins County Library

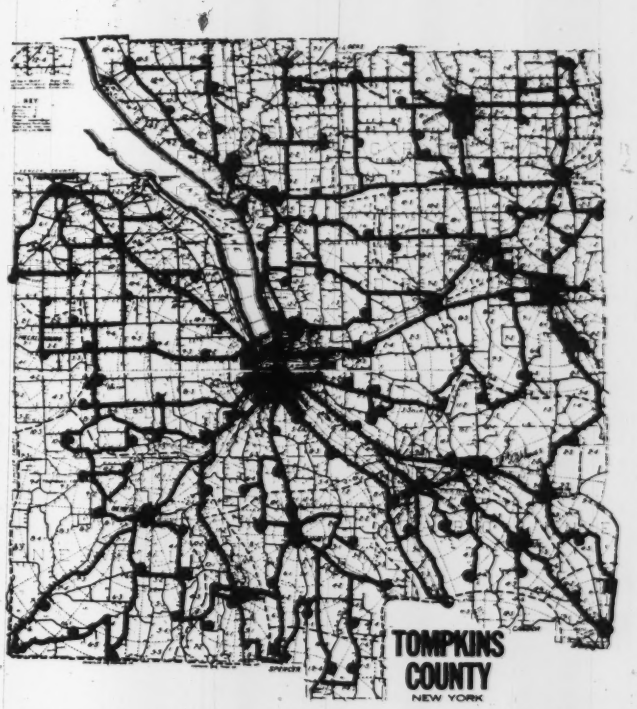
By Albert Lawrence Huff

Supervisor, Tompkins County, N. Y.

IN THE SPRING OF 1928 a campaign for a truck was started by the children throughout Tompkins County, and dimes were collected until finally it was purchased. Then we, the Supervisors, began to receive letters from the Parent-Teachers' organizations, Junior High Schools, W. C. T. U., Women's Clubs and finally a committee was appointed from the Board to make an investigation. They reported favorably and offered a resolution asking for an appropriation of $3,000 for county library work. The State department loaned 5000 books and our Cornell City Library loaned 1298 books. We now have 7000 books in circulation to 130 schools and between 40 and 50 houses and stores.

I had the privilege of spending a day on our truck not long ago. We started about 9 A. M.

and visited many schools, all of which dismissed directly the truck hove in sight. Most of the pupils in the first school were American-born, and I noticed that many of these boys were asking for Indian and Western stories. Then came the shock! We called at a school where there were ten boys and four girls, all Finns. Requests were made for books on science, and I asked, "What kind?" The answer promptly came for Electricity, Aeronautics and Agriculture. And as we drove off I began to ask questions. I found that the fathers of these boys have bought old farms, have but little money and are using our books to get help for themselves and their children. Our librarian is working with the Farm and Home Bureau, and women's clubs are asking for programs. Does it pay? I do not hesitate to say that I think it is one of the best investments our county has made.



Each circle represents a stop made by the Book Wagon

In the spring of 1928 the children of Tompkins County each gave a dime toward the purchase of this Book Truck

THE LIBRARY JOURNAL

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Editorial Forum

THE BOOK WAGON has become so useful and promising a feature in library extension that this issue of THE LIBRARY JOURNAL is given largely to the subject. The Bookmobile took up the idea for another purpose within the same field and made journeys throughout the whole eastern country, as described in this issue. What the book wagon has done in respect to a city library, especially in reaching factory hands, is told by Mr. Paul North Rice of Dayton, and suggests its use by similar libraries, while from Cincinnati, as Miss Fangmeyer tells, its use throughout the county library system, the use for which the book wagon was really originated in Maryland, is well exemplified. To those considering the development of a book wagon scheme, Miss Holden's article on different methods and their respective costs will be welcome. If any librarian has failed to read Christopher Morley's *Parnassus on Wheels*, that also should stimulate interest in the book wagon.

AT THE STOCKBRIDGE meeting of the Library Institute there was useful discussion on the question of a clearing house for duplicates based on Mr. H. W. Wilson's presentation of the subject, one which, as we have before pointed out, comes every once in a while to the front ever since Mr. Dewey's original emphasis on its value. The physical difficulty of obtaining sufficient room within cost limits for a collection of duplicates, and the financial difficulty of exploiting and utilizing the collection, have always stood in the way of the realization of the plan, in itself good. Mr. Wilson has now undertaken what may be called a sample development by starting a like plan for completing sets of the periodicals included in the *Union List*, and his paper read before the joint session of the University and Reference Librarians and College Librarians at the mid-winter meeting in Chicago should have practical outcome by attention from libraries which either have copies of these periodicals it does not desire to keep on the shelves or lack copies to complete sets. It will be interesting to note, after some months' trial, how effective this plan has been in its workings and what the cost has been in relation to the saving of values by this service.

THE CARNEGIE CORPORATION is not lessening its service to libraries because it has ceased to follow out the old method of furnishing funds for library buildings. The donation of $100,000 to the British Columbia Library Commission for library extension outside the two great cities in that sparsely settled province is a fine example of international generosity, international in one sense, though included in the American field, as the name of the A. L. A. emphasizes. The gifts to library schools have been carefully considered and allotted, the leading one being to the Carnegie Library School of Atlanta, which Mr. Carnegie himself had closely at heart as doing needed work in the Southern States, many of which greatly needed and still greatly need the service of trained librarians. The proposed school at Denver will serve locally a quite new field, although the Rocky Mountain States have not been without representatives in the existing library schools. Certainly the Carnegie Corporation, since Mr. Carnegie's death, has entirely fulfilled his spirit of generosity by the wise work which it has done for the whole library movement at home and abroad.

BROOKLYN and its Public Library lose in the passing of David A. Boody, at the ripe age of ninety-two, the one, a foremost and finest citizen, the other, the library's only president during its active existence of thirty-three years. Dr. Boody served the public in many capacities, as a governor of the Stock Exchange—after, in the sixties, he had purchased for $1,000 a seat worth just before the crash nearly half a million, now held by his grandson—as a bank president, as Congressman from a Brooklyn district, and as Mayor of Brooklyn in the latter years of its existence as a city before its submergence in Greater New York. But no

public cause has ever meant more or been dearer to him than that of service to the public through the Brooklyn Public Library system. When Mrs. Mary E. Craigie began her collection of books toward a public library, she easily obtained the sympathy and assistance of Mayor Boody, kindest and most good-natured of men throughout his long career. To his instrumentality was owing the charter of the new library, as well as the recharter of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, now with its two libraries, the art library at the great museum, and the children's library at the Children's Museum, of which he was a charter member and remained a trustee, though inactive in his later years. In the early days Mrs. Craigie acted as director of the new library and came to consider that she represented the ownership of the public in it, so that when a real librarian was found for it in Arthur E. Bostwick, this lady, whose private spirit paralleled her public spirit, continuing in service as assistant librarian, so harried her chief that he accepted the invitation of the New York Public Library to return to his former post there, whence he went to St. Louis for his great achievement as the head of a municipal library, which he has made one of the foremost in the land. In 1901 Dr. Hill came to the post, which he has filled for nearly thirty years, during which the library system has reached its present great proportions, yet to be crowned by the completion of the central library, whose beginnings its only president had the satisfaction of watching from the window of his home for some time before his death. It was probably not known to Mrs. Craigie or Mayor Boody that the trustees of the old library—originally the Brooklyn Mercantile Library, under the librarianship of Stephen B. Noyes, whose Brooklyn "catalog" made that library famous in its day—had laid plans for the consolidation of existing libraries into a public library for Brooklyn. The choice of Dr. Hill as librarian was agreeable to the members of this board, and in 1904 a merger was completed by which the property of the old Brooklyn Library, then three-fourths of a million dollars in value, and now much more, was passed over as an endowment for the new enterprise under contract that the representatives of the older library should, for the succeeding twenty-five years, ending in 1929, elect half the new board. Since that date the Mayor has reappointed members of the old board, including Mr. Bowker, for some years the senior in service, covering more than forty years since his election to the old board in 1888. Under the presidency of Dr. Boody both classes of trustees have worked in entire harmony, and his devotion to the library and its staff was illustrated in his generous ante-mortem gift of $50,000 as an endowment for the benefit of the Brooklyn Public Library staff. Perhaps no library can boast the record of such a president as Dr. Boody!

THE INSTITUTE PAPER of Dr. Hill, "What Shall We Do with Our Old Librarians?" printed in THE LIBRARY JOURNAL for Nov. 15, 1929, proves to have prophetic meaning, for at Dr. Hill's own initiative and insistence the Board of Trustees of the Brooklyn Public Library have accepted his resignation after nearly thirty years of service, to take effect probably in October next, and made provision for his later years. He is retired with the title Librarian Consultant, in the expectation that he will cooperate with his successor, yet to be chosen, in planning for the equipment of the central library, now again started toward completion, and giving the help of his long and active experience. The rather novel title was suggested by the use of the word "Consultant" in the Library of Congress, and defines a function which, with tact on both sides, should make a happy result of old experience and new vigor when a veteran librarian comes to the retiring age and a younger librarian takes up his work. It is scarcely necessary to point out to the library profession how successful has been Dr. Hill's work in the past fifty years, in Lowell, in Paterson, in Salem, as the predecessor of Mr. Dana in Newark and, finally, in Brooklyn, and how great his service has been to the A. L. A. as secretary, president, member of the War Service Council, chairman of the War Finance Committee, and in many other relations, while his presence at library meetings has always meant live contributions of real value as he wrote or took part in discussions. Dr. Hill has recognized that the burdens of administration of so large a system as that of the Brooklyn Public Library, especially with the problems of the new building confronting its head, might be rather wearing as he came into the five years preceding his becoming an octogenarian and demanded the fresh energy of a younger man, preferably within the half-century age, with years of experience behind and years of usefulness before him. The Brooklyn trustees were unanimous in their regret and unanimous in wishing that means could be afforded of making larger remuneration for him in his retirement than the $4,000 yearly, which seemed the practicable limit and proved acceptable to Dr. Hill. May it be many years that his pen, his voice, his personality may still rejoice his associates, old and young.

Librarian Authors

EMMA L. BROCK, a children's librarian of wide experience, was born at Fort Shaw, Mont., and during the early years of her life led a nomadic army life from West to East and Middle West. She attended high school in New York City and Philadelphia, and received her A. B. from the University of Minnesota. While in college she specialized in literature and writing, studying the latter under Ada Comstock, and did not begin her art training until after college years were over, when she studied design and figure drawing at the Minneapolis School of Art. For two years she was in the Art Department in the Minneapolis Public Library, and in 1921 went to New York City for further art work. In New York, at the Art Students' League, she studied etching with Joseph Pennell, whom she terms "a most kind, crabbed and excellent teacher," and figure drawing with Boardman Robinson. While studying at Art School she joined the staff of the New York Public Library and remained there for six years, during which time she worked in children's rooms in various parts of New York with Jewish, Irish, and Italian children, and had "great fun." The summer of 1928 was spent in a small Breton fishing village sketching the people, their houses, and their costumes, and here she first met "Zacharie." The first book to be written and illustrated by herself, *The Runaway Sardine,* published by Knopf, grew out of some Brittany sketches and water colors, and we have the unusual story of Zacharie, an adventurous sardine, who lived in a tub in the cottage of a very old Brittany fisherman and his very old wife. Zacharie soon tired of his confinement and longed for freedom and

"Zacharie," the leading character in "The Runaway Sardine"

a glimpse of the sea, and so one day he put his tail in his mouth and rolled out of the house and into the village street. He had many adventures before he finally returned, a much wiser sardine, to the safety of his tub. The

Emma L. Brock

book is decorated throughout in two colors and done with a broad, free brush stroke, the pictures moving gayly through the text.

During these years she was also illustrating children's books. She illustrated *The Memoirs of a London Doll,* by Richard Henry Horne, in 1922; *Merrimeg,* by William Bowen, in 1923, and the Children's Classics edition of *Granny's Wonderful Chair,* by Frances Browne, in 1924, all of which were published by Macmillan Company. In 1922 she illustrated a book for Harcourt, Brace, *Islands of Magic,* by Elsie S. Eells. Exhibits of her etchings and water colors have been held in Minneapolis, Toledo, Brooklyn, and New York City, and in 1928-1929 she showed her work in the American Federation of Arts Rotary Exhibit. She has spent three summers in Europe sketching castles in France, villages in England, and market places in Italy, France, and Holland.

At the present time Miss Brock is working in the Art Department of the Minneapolis Public Library and illustrating children's books. Her hobbies are "characters in markets, push-carts of New York and markets in Italy and France."

A. L. A. Midwinter Meeting—II

Executive Board

ONE OF several new publications authorized by the Executive Board at a meeting Jan. 1 was *Illustrated Editions of High School Classics.* Others were *Foreign Books for American Children's Rooms,* an *Index to Plays for Children, American Library Laws* and *Book Selection and Acquisition.* The *Graded List of Books for Children* will be printed when indorsed by the committee in charge of the list.

The hospital library project, providing for a study of the use of books and reading as a therapeutic agent in hospitals, was approved, and the request for an appropriation for printing the report of the Committee on Institution Libraries and for printing prison library book lists was likewise approved.

On the motion of Mr. Wheeler, it was voted that the President be authorized to appoint a special committee to consider the establishment of a statistical bureau at A. L. A. Headquarters, its functions, and the method of financing, and that the committee consist of representatives from several library groups which will presumably use the statistical information. Elva S. Smith felt that there was a growing feeling among libraries that the burden of reporting statistical information and answering questionnaires was becoming too great.

A department of library work with children at A. L. A. Headquarters was again considered, and an endeavor to secure funds for this project approved. A department of school library work at Headquarters was also discussed, and a motion by Mr. Dudgeon carried that "the Board at this time recognizes the rapidly growing importance of this field of work, and reiterates its interest and indorsement . . . and considers this the important thing for 1930."

How the A. L. A. could aid the college, university and reference libraries by giving more attention to the scholarly aspects of the profession was discussed at some length. It was brought out that when the Executive Board appropriated money for something which did not interest the college and university libraries, it was not because the Board preferred in every case that particular activity, but because the money was given for a specific project.

As there are no funds to carry out a recommendation from the College and Reference Section that a clearing-house be created at Headquarters for bibliographies and research lists compiled by various libraries, and as the A. L. A. Headquarters Library would probably serve as such a clearing-house, if properly financed, the recommendation was laid on the table.

Chicago was selected as the meeting place for the A. L. A. Conference in 1933, because of the proposed Chicago Centennial Exposition at that time. Members added to the committee at work on plans for the Exposition are: Ethelred Abbott, Mary B. Day, William Teal, Winifred Ver Nooy, Charles H. Brown, Pearl I. Field and Bess McCrea.

It was voted, on motion of Mr. Dudgeon, that the Executive Board instruct the officers and the Chairman of the Committee on Hispanic Relations to make every reasonable effort to have someone at the Inter-American Conference on Bibliography at Havana who can adequately represent the A. L. A. It was also voted, on motion of Mr. Lydenberg, to convey to the Conference the hope that it will hold its second meeting in 1933 in Chicago.

The suggestion of Gladys Caldwell, chairman of the Committee on Visual Aids, that the name of the committee be changed to the Committee on Motion Pictures and Other Visual Aids was presented. No action was taken.

The Rockefeller Foundation, at the request of William Warner Bishop, has voted $2,500, it was announced, to make possible a visit of the architect of the League of Nations to this country to inspect American libraries, the grant being made to the A. L. A. for disbursement.

The Secretary announced that a fellowship of $1,900 has been granted by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace to Margaret Demchevsky, of Bulgaria, to visit this country and study American library methods, the grant to be disbursed through the A. L. A.

Another fellowship of $1,500 has been granted to Señorita Maria Chavez, of Mexico, by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, for one year of study at a library school in the United States, this fellowship likewise to be administered through the A. L. A.

A letter from the Research Service, Washington, D. C., was read, asking the Association to cooperate in a study of eyesight conservation, a thorough, systematic, scientific investigation that will analyze the various elements and make a series of tests with the "reader's eye" to ascertain the most legible type faces for various uses. The Secretary had replied, asking for suggestions as to how the Association may cooperate. No action was taken.

It was voted, upon motion of Mr. Dudgeon, that the President appoint the joint committee with the Fire Underwriters' Association, which was authorized by the Council.

Council

D. C. Numbers on L. C. Cards

A DEFINITE interest in adding D. C. numbers to L. C. cards was indicated in a report by Eliza Lamb, University of Chicago Libraries. Subscriptions have amounted to $8,000 of the $9,000 a year needed to start the work, and the Library of Congress, by detailing service, agrees to underwrite half of the remaining $1,000, provided the A. L. A. will underwrite an equal amount. The Executive Board later authorized this underwriting. In accordance with the plan, D. C. numbers will first be supplied on cards currently printed for English books and as many others as possible. As time and funds permit, they will be added to all printed and reprinted cards. The work, if undertaken, is expected to be self-supporting, on a service basis, at the end of the three years of trial.

Extension of Cooperative Catologing

Mr. Keogh, Doctor Williamson and Doctor Bishop have been appointed a committee to raise the $7,500 needed to undertake an investigation in the field of cooperative cataloging, Miss Lamb announced. The investigation—recommended in 1928 by a committee of the Catalog Section, of which Mr. Currier was chairman—and the effort to promote cooperative cataloging were indorsed by the Executive Board. It was voted that the report be accepted.

Hospital Library Project

A recommendation that *The Booklist* include ten books a month for hospital libraries was referred to the Editorial Committee, and a second recommendation that the Committee on Hospital Libraries' Budget be raised from $50 to $100 a year was referred to the Executive Board.

Federal Library Activities

The ten questions concerning a future program for the federal government in library work, enumerated in the December *Bulletin*, were taken up one at a time in the Council. Suggestions that liberal interlibrary loan privileges be extended, and that the government prepare special bibliographies on educational subjects on request met with unanimous approval. A large majority of the Council approved the recommendation that the United States Bureau of Education maintain an adequate library on education for the staff of government employees in that field and for other students. Attention was drawn to the fact that such a library existed, but its continuation was advocated on the ground that such an important government function should not be overlooked in outlining a federal library program.

The preparation and publication of bibliographies of current books and pamphlets in the field of education; the compilation and publication of library statistics; the conduct of surveys and studies of library service, and the production of publications on library service were all considered proper government activities by a majority of the Council.

Opinion was divided on the question of maintaining a library division in the federal office of education; on the federal conduct of surveys of library service outside the field of education and on federal advisory assistance on library service to schools and colleges, although all suggestions were approved by a small majority.

Subsidies to equalize library service or to aid in the establishment of county libraries were opposed by the Council, although financial aid to promote adequate library service in educational institutions and in connection with educational projects partly or wholly financed by United States Government funds was approved after discussion. Federal advisory assistance on library service outside the field of education was not found. All votes were to be taken as informal, and as expressing the sense of the meeting.

As the library program will not be presented to the advisory committee on education until called for by the Committee, Carl H. Milam, library representative on the committee, requested that A. L. A. members submit additional suggestions.

Business Libraries Section

At the request of William Alcott of Boston, president of the Special Libraries Association, a committee was appointed to inquire into the legal standing of the Business Libraries Section of the A. L. A. The committee, consisting of H. O. Severance, chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws; Carl B. Roden and Matthew S. Dudgeon, the two latter trained lawyers, made the following report:

"Your committee has given careful consideration to the facts in the case presented by the member who offered the resolution and by the chairman of the section, to the by-laws governing the authorization of sections, especially Section 17, which is involved, and to the record of the Council authorizing the Business Libraries Section.

"The contention is that this section held a private illegal meeting at which it elected officers and adopted constitution and by-laws; fur-

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thermore, that the section should have elected officers and adopted the constitution and by-laws at the open meeting May 16, 1929, 8:30 p. m., in the Washington Auditorium.

"It is necessary to refer to the minutes of the Council of Saturday morning, Dec. 29, 1928, which read as follows: 'That the Council grant the petition for a Business Libraries Section now before it, and permit *certain members* of the American Library Association to organize a section to be known as the Business Libraries Section. The motion was seconded and carried.' (A. L. A. *Bulletin*, January, 1929, p. 10.)

"It seems clear to the committee that these 'certain members of the Association' were the petitioners for the section, and that the Council intended to authorize these petitioners to proceed with the organization of the section. The Chairman of this group called a meeting of the petitioners by mail, inclosing a copy of the proposed constitution and by-laws. The meeting was called at 3 p. m., May 16, in the Library of Congress. The officers as given in the A. L. A. *Bulletin*, August, 1929, p. 292, were elected and the constitution adopted, those members not present voting by mail.

"It is the opinion of your committee that this group has acted within its rights, and that the proceedings comply with the enabling clause and with the By-laws of the A. L. A.

"In regard to the open meeting on May 16, at 8:30 p. m., the committee holds that the constitution and by-laws were legally adopted at the previous meeting, but that the officers elected at that time were temporary officers, and that permanent officers should have been elected at the final meeting, the meeting of May 16 at 8:30 p. m. Section 17, last clause, reads: 'The registered members of each section shall at the final session of each annual meeting choose officers to serve until the close of the next annual meeting.' Consequently, the officers elected in the afternoon of that day are not the officers *de jure* in the technicality of the by-law. On the other hand, they are *de facto* officers, and may hold office and function until the final session of the section at the next A. L. A. conference, because the section failed to elect permanent officers at the meeting May 16 at 8:30 p. m., the final session of that annual meeting."

The report was adopted by a vote of thirty-two to one.

Fire Insurance

Fire insurance on library building and contents, at not less than 80 per cent of their value, was recommended in a report of the A. L. A. Committee on Fire Insurance, pending a report of a proposed joint committee of A. L. A. members and representatives of the National Underwriters Association. The suggestion of 80 per cent instead of 100 per cent of their value was made because in many cases it would appear that lower rates can be obtained by 80 per cent co-insurance than under any other plan. It is hoped that the preliminary report, prepared by the committee, of which O. R. Howard Thomson is chairman, may be printed later.

The Council authorized the appointment of the proposed joint committee, and the report was adopted.

The Statutes of the International Federation of Library Associations, printed in the December *Bulletin*, were unanimously adopted.

Book Censorship

Book censorship by customs officials was condemned by the Council in the following resolution, which was adopted on the recommendation of Ralph Munn, chairman of the Federal and State Relations Committee:

"The Council of the American Library Association, regularly assembled at its midwinter meeting in Chicago, Dec. 31, 1929, bespeaks your earnest support of Senator Cutting's amendment to Section 305 of the tariff bill relating to the importation of books. Quite obviously, the American Library Association does not favor either obscenity or revolution, but neither is it willing to place a censorship in the hands of customs officials whose established record in this matter borders on the absurd. Books which are essential to American scholarship have already been banned by customs clerks. Under the original provisions of Section 305, eliminated by Senator Cutting's amendment, but now proposed for reinstatement by other interests, this condition would become intolerable. With prohibitory statutes in most States and with many voluntary organizations seeking to censor the nation's reading, the American Library Association sees no need for further federal action."

The Secretary was instructed to send copies of the resolution to all senators.

Miscellaneous

A publisher cannot refuse to accept a subscription in cash of the realm and in good faith to a magazine admitted to second-class rates, Mr. Lydenberg informed the Council on behalf of the Book Buying Committee, when Mr. Ranck reported that certain technical publications refused to accept subscriptions from libraries.

A petition that the Maryland Library Association be made a chapter of the A. L. A. was granted by unanimous vote.

Association of American Library Schools

A MEETING of the Association of American Library Schools was held at the Hotel Knickerbocker in Chicago on Dec. 30, 1929. Thirteen schools were represented. Papers were presented as follows: "The Service Load of Library School Faculties," by Ernest J. Reece; "The Need for an Index to Current Publications in the Fields of Library Work, Bibliography and Publishing," by John S. Cleavinger; "The Program and Methods of the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago," by Douglas Waples; "Whom Shall the Library School Admit?" by W. E. Henry.

Informal discussions were also held on the use of A. L. A. text books, the relations between the Board of Education for Librarianship and the Association, and various topics suggested for the program of the next meeting, to be held in Los Angeles. Members of the Association dined together at the Hotel Knickerbocker between the afternoon and evening sessions.

Normal School and Teachers College Librarians

THE NORMAL School and Teachers' College Librarians, under the chairmanship of Eleanor Weir Welch, met on Tuesday, Dec. 31. Ruby E. Cundiff, Library School, Syracuse University, spoke on "Methods of Building a Live Book Collection." She emphasized the need of the library being built around the courses in the catalog, that it may take its place as an instructional factor in the school. The publications for each course will fall under (1) primary sources, (2) secondary sources, (3) in the general field, (4) in the regional field. This material will include books, periodicals, official documents, society publications, atlases, bibliographies, dictionaries and encyclopedias. Such a study will build the collection where weak, cooperate with the teaching staff, inspire respect for the library and its service.

Mrs. Elsie Howard Pine, Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, Kan., talked on "The Organization and Administration of the Practice School Library." Mrs. Pine discussed the advantages and disadvantages of housing the practice library in the college library building and of housing it in the training school building. The practice school library should not be too expensively equipped, but should be simple and complete to serve as an example for the smaller communities. She further emphasized the size, shelving and equipment, hours of service, books, the librarian and her service. The service is first to the practice school pupils and secondly to the practice teachers.

The third speaker, Della McGregor, Chief of the Juvenile Division, St. Paul Public Library, discussed the illustrators of recent children's books. A mimeographed list of illustrators and an exhibit of books supplemented the talk. Miss McGregor spoke especially of the characteristics and tendencies of the three Russian artists, Boris Artzybasheff, Nadejen and Silibin. Other artists emphasized were Elsa Beskow, Pamela Bianco, Elizabeth MacKinstry and the Petershams.

The charts and floor plans of reserve rooms and practice school libraries exhibited at the Washington conference were on display and will form an exhibit kept at headquarters to be loaned to those interested.

Miss Emma Wiecking, librarian of the State Teachers College, Mankato, Minn., was elected chairman for 1930.

University and Reference Librarians

THE SECOND session of the University and Reference Librarians was held on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 31. Mr. Fowler presided. The first speaker was Robert J. Usher, who read a paper on the Howard Memorial Library, New Orleans, of which he is the librarian. Founded in the '90's, the gift of the Howard family to New Orleans, the library has specialized in reference material and has played an increasingly important part in the educational life of the city. Without adequate funds for cataloging or making material available, the former librarian, Dr. William Beer, bought at what seems now a ridiculously low price, vast quantities of books, pamphlets and periodicals. After being stored in the basement of the library for years, the accumulation is gradually being sorted over and made accessible by the present librarian. Many rare books and pamphlets are coming to light.

Harold G. Russell of the University of Minnesota Library next read a paper on "The Foreign Dealer: a Study of the Book Trade." His paper dealt not so much with what books to buy as where to buy them. He said that was the problem of many scholarly libraries. He distributed to those present a mimeographed list of 100 foreign booksellers, omitting those which deal in books of Great Britain, France and Germany, and emphasizing those in countries where booksellers are not so well known to American librarians. Dealers are listed from nearly all the countries of South America, Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, the Baltic countries, the Balkan States and other countries of Europe. Mr. Russell said that the

book markets of Australia and New Zealand were becoming increasingly attractive, and many books published in Europe could there be found at gratifyingly low prices.

In the absence of the author, Mr. E. A. Henry read a paper by Miss Gertrude Wulfekoetter of the University of Cincinnati Library on "The Organization of a Periodical Department." Many such departments, the writer said, had grown like Topsy, and the librarian had suddenly awakened to the fact that the periodical routine was antiquated and unworkable. There are two divisions to the problem: (1) The processes dealing with the ordering and receiving of the periodicals, and (2) those connected with the use of periodicals in the reference work of the library. Miss Wulfekoetter laid down in fairly close detail an excellent routine for handling the ordering, receiving and recording of periodicals, and that for prosecuting satisfactory work in using them in reference service.

Dr. Ruth Lapham Butler of the Newberry Library, Chicago, read the last paper of the afternoon on "Transcripts of Archive Material in the Ayer Collection of the Newberry Library." The Ayer Collection, given to the Newberry Library by the late Edward E. Ayer, a Chicago business man, contained, Doctor Butler pointed out, not only books and manuscripts dealing with the native races of North America, but also with the large field of American history, especially with the history of those sections formerly occupied and governed by the Spaniards.

Officers elected for the coming year were: Chairman, George B. Utley, Newberry Library, Chicago; Earl N. Manchester, Ohio State University Library, Columbus; Julian S. Fowler, Oberlin College Library, Oberlin, Ohio.

Catholic Educational Association

THE MIDWINTER meeting of the Library Section of the Catholic Educational Association was held at Loyola University, Chicago, Sunday, Dec. 29, with librarians from many of the leading Catholic colleges and universities in attendance. Group meetings were likewise held on Monday, Dec. 30, at the Drake Hotel. Included in the questions under consideration was the important project for the publication of the *Catholic Periodical Index*. This publication, similar in scope to the *Reader's Guide*, will index by author and subject the contents of approximately forty of the most important Catholic journals. For the present only those periodicals published in the English language both here and abroad are to be included, but as the Index develops, those in foreign languages will likewise be added. The indexing will be done by competent librarians and published by the H. W. Wilson Co. of New York. It will appear quarterly with an annual cumulation and a final cumulation at the end of the third year. The first issue is to appear sometime in March, and the cost price will be on the service basis.

League of Library Commissions

THE LEAGUE of Library Commissions met in joint session with the Extension Committee of the American Library Association on the afternoon of Dec. 30, Mr. Lester presiding. At the evening meeting of the League, with Mrs. Griggs, president, presiding, 19 States and provinces were represented. As Mr. Tolman was unable to be present, his paper was read by Miss Parkinson.

Mr. Modisette, member of the Louisiana Commission, emphasized the need of providing for the permanent financing of library activities so that there would be some guaranty of future support. He also stressed the necessity of convincing the public that the library is a form of education in itself and not a mere adjunct to the school, as so often considered by school people. In sharing the expenses of county libraries with the county, the State might provide expert supervision and such State aid, together with books, and grants might be financed by a luxury tax.

Miss Hazel B. Warren, Extension Division, State Library, Indianapolis, Ind., spoke on agencies cooperating with library agencies, referring to the work done by the General Education Board, the Carnegie Foundation, the Rosenwald and Rockefeller Foundations in Louisiana, British Columbia, North Carolina and Georgia. In the recent campaign for a State library building, cooperation with the State Federation of Clubs, the American Legion and various other State organizations were most helpful.

The League voted $1,000 toward the American Library Association Endowment Fund in the form of two sustaining memberships.

Toronto News

THE NEW Danforth Branch of the Toronto Public Library was opened in November. In accord with the experimental ideals of the libraries of that system, this is unlike any other. It is in the heart of a suburban shopping district and frankly took in the aspect of a shop—thus the old English front reminds one of Chester.

The February Forecast

A check list of books of general interest whose publication dates fall during the coming month

(Exact date of issue is given when known)

Biography

Boas, Louise S. *Elizabeth Barrett Browning.* Longmans, Green (Feb. 19). $3.50.

Bradford, Gamaliel. *Daughters of Eve.* Houghton Mifflin (Feb. 7). $3.50.

Clemenceau, Georges. *Memoirs of a Victory.* Harcourt, Brace. $5.

Corbett, Elizabeth. *If It Takes All Summer.* Stokes (Feb. 20). $2.50.

Early Letters of Mark Hopkins. Day (Feb. 6). $4.

Gribble, Francis. *Balzac: The Man and Lover.* Dutton. $6.

Hosie, Lady. *Portrait of a Chinese Lady.* Morrow (Feb. 6). $5.

Hughes, Rupert. *George Washington, The Savior of the States,* 1777-1781. Morrow (Feb. 6). $5.

Ludwig, Emil. *Lincoln.* Little, Brown (Feb. 8). $5.

Martet, Jean. *The Life of Georges Clemenceau: As Told by Himself to His Secretary.* Longmans, Green. $5.

May, J. Lewis. *Cardinal Newman.* Dial Press (Feb. 1). $3.50.

Literature, History and Travel

An American Officer. *The Great Crusade.* Dial Press (Feb. 15). $2.

Austin, Maude Mason. *Annals of the Desert.* Stratford. $2.

Beard, Charles A. and Mary R. *The Rise of American Civilization* (one vol. ed.). Macmillan (Feb. 4). $3.

Bett, Henry. *How to Write Good English.* Stokes (Feb. 6). $1.

Chilvers, Hedley A. *Johannesburg.* Stokes (Feb. 20). $3.50.

Dare, Viola. *Little Poems for Little Folks.* (Juvenile.) Stratford. $1.

Dresbach, Glenn Ward. *The Wind in the Cedars.* Holt. $2.

Hayes, Carlton J. *France: A Nation of Patriots.* Columbia University Press (Feb. 15). $4.50.

Henry, Stuart. *Conquering Our Great American Plains.* Dutton. $5.

Karraker, Cyrus H. *The Seventeenth Century Sheriff.* University of North Carolina Press (Feb. 15). $2.

Kingsmill, Hugh. *Anthology of Invective and Abuse.* Dial Press (Feb. 15). $2.50.

Loti, Pierre. *Morocco, Siam.* Stokes (Feb. 20). $2.50.

Paxson, Frederic L. *When the West Is Gone.* Holt (Feb. 15). $2.

Percy, William Alexander. *Selected Poems.* Yale University Press. $3.

Titzell, Josiah, ed. *The Author's Annual,* 1930. Brewer and Warren (Feb. 3). $2.

Townsend, Mary Evelyn. *The Rise and Fall of the German Colonial Empire.* Macmillan (Feb. 4). $5.

Williams, Charles. *A Poet Looks at His Fellows.* Oxford University Press (Feb. 15).

Religion and Philosophy

Fite, Warner. *The Living Mind.* Dial Press (Feb. 1). $3.50.

Fleg, Edmond. *Life of Solomon.* Dutton (Jan. 31). $3.

Green, Rev. Canon P. *Our Heavenly Father.* Longmans, Green (Feb. 20). $1.50.

Jenkins, Burris. *The World's Debt to Protestantism.* Stratford. $2.50.

Kaltenborn, H. V. *We Look at the World.* Henkle. $3.

Keeley, Fred C. *Why You Win or Lose.* Henkle. $2.50.

McCormick, Rev. William P. *Be of Good Cheer.* Longmans, Green (Feb. 20). $1.

Menninger, Karl A. *The Human Mind.* Knopf (Feb. 3). $5.

Monsma, John Clover. *The Story of the Church.* Henkle. $3.

Mygatt, Tracy D., and Witherspoon, Frances. *Armor of Light.* Holt. $2.

Rawlinson, A. E. J. *The Church of England and the Church of Christ.* Longmans, Green. $2.

Schnackel, H. G. *The Art of Thinking in Business.* Wiley.

Sweet, Helen F., and Fahs, Sophia L. *Exploring Religion with Eight Year Olds.* Holt. $2.50.

Williams, Rev. Canon Norman P. *Lausanne, Lambeth and South India.* Longmans, Green (Feb. 13). $1.

Miscellaneous Non-Fiction

Bell, M. M., and Bell, M. D. *Essentials in the Selection of Meats.* Wiley.

Clarke, H. T. *Organic Syntheses* (v. 10). Wiley.

Danzig, Allison. *The Racquet Game.* Macmillan (Feb. 25). $4.

Eggleston, D. C. *Modern Accounting Theory and Practice* (v. 2). Wiley.

Elliott, Grace Loucks. *Understanding the Adolescent Girl.* Holt. $1.25.

Fraser, W. J. *Dairy Farming.* Wiley.

Harrow, Benjamin. *The Making of Chemistry.* Day (Feb. 6). $2.

Macpherson, Hector. *Modern Cosmologies.* Oxford University Press (Feb. 6). $2.50.

Macy, John. *About Women.* Morrow (Feb. 6). $2.50.

Morey, Lloyd. *University and College Accounting.* Wiley.

Sharp, M. A., and Sharp, W. M. *Principles of Farm Mechanics.* Wiley.

Webb-Johnson, Cecil. *Nerve Troubles: Causes and Cures.* Stokes (Feb. 20). $1.

Wolfanger, L. A. *Major Soil Divisions of the United States.* Wiley.

Fiction

Asch, Nathan. *Pay Day.* Brewer and Warren (Feb. 17). $2.50.

Berger, Helen. *The Golden Key.* Dial Press (Feb. 15). $2.

Bindloss, Harold. *The Man at Willow Ranch.* Stokes (Feb. 20). $2.

Booth, Charles G. *Murder at High Tide.* Morrow (Feb. 6). $2.

Bowen, Stirling. *Wishbone.* Dutton. $2.50.

Cross, Ruth. *Enchantment.* Longmans, Green (Feb. 19). $2.

Deeping, Warwick. *Exile.* Knopf (Feb. 28). $2.50.

Du Bois, Theodora. *The Devil's Spoon.* Stokes (Feb. 6). $2.50.

Eggebrecht, Axel. *Pilgrim to the Abyss.* King. $2.50.

Falkner, Leonard. *Murder off Broadway.* Holt (Feb. 7). $2.

Farrell, M. J. *Taking Chances.* Lippincott (Feb. 7). $2.50.

Freeman, H. W. *Down in the Valley.* Holt (Feb. 7). $2.50.

Glasgow, Alice. *Bright Tiger.* Dial Press (Feb. 15). $2.50.

Grange, de la. (Melanie Lind, trans.) *Open House in Flanders.* Stokes (Feb. 20). $3.50.

Granger, Mary. *Lucy and Three.* Brewer and Warren (Feb. 24). $2.50.

Heyer, Georgette. *Beauvallet.* Longmans, Green (Feb. 5). $2.50.

Keeler, Harry Stephen. *The Amazing Web.* Dutton. $2.50.

Lenanton, C. (Carola Oman). *Miss Barnett's Elopement.* Holt (Feb. 21). $2.50.

Loder, Vernon. *The Vast Mystery.* Longmans, Green (Feb. 6). $2.

MacClure, Victor. *The "Crying Pig" Murder.* Morrow. $2.

Norris, Kathleen. *Passion Flower.* Doubleday, Doran (Jan. 24). $2.

Parsons, Alice Beal. *John Merrill's Pleasant Life.* Dutton. $2.50.

Quaife, Milo M. *The Kingdom of Saint James: a Mormon Narrative.* Yale University Press. $4.

Rives, Amelie (Princess Troubetzkoy). *Firedamp.* Stokes (Feb. 6). $2.50.

Rölvaag, O. E. *Pure Gold.* Harper. (Feb. 5). $2.50.

Savery, Constance. *Tenthragon.* King. $2.

Seghers, Anna. *The Revolt of the Fishermen.* Longmans, Green (Feb. 5). $2.

Wast, Hugo (Louis Imbert, trans.). *The Strength of Lovers.* Longmans, Green (Feb. 5). $2.50.

Wilder, Thornton. *The Woman of Andros.* Boni (Feb. 21). $2.50.

Willard, T. A. *Bridge of the Gods.* Stratford. $2.50.

Yates, Elizabeth Hall. *Lydia's Little Plans.* Penn. (Feb. 7). $2.

Illustrated Text

THAT we should use the same words for Columbus's "Santa Maria" and the "Leviathan" seems almost absurd, yet we shall doubtless continue to do so, says Arthur E. Bostwick in the closing pages of his brief discussion of *The Public Library in the United States* (A. L. A., cl., 62p., $1). We shall also keep talking about a "library," although its appearance, its functions and its aims have so fundamentally altered in the course of the last century. Numerous and pointed illustrations carry out the thesis of Dr. Bostwick's text, and show the flexibility and range of the modern public library.

Reads Most Books in South Dakota

ACCORDING to the latest available statistics, Aberdeen reads more library books than any city in the State of South Dakota. During the past year the people of Aberdeen borrowed 127,950 books for home use. This is more than eight books per capita. Of this number 22,529 were distributed through five school stations and St. Mary's Public Library Station. The latter alone distributed 10,568 volumes to the residents in the northeast section of the city. The main library sent 105,421 books out over its loan desk. The library business has increased 124 per cent over that of 1923, while it shows a gain of 17 per cent over that of the previous year.

Book News

Book Club Selections

(for February)

BOOK-OF-THE-MONTH CLUB

The Rise of American Civilization, by Charles A. and Mary R. Beard. Macmillan.
Two volumes in one, unabridged.

BOOK LEAGUE OF AMERICA

"—— *& Co.*," by Jean-Richard Bloch. Simon & Schuster.
An Alsatian-Jewish family and the perceptible disintegration that takes place beginning with the third generation.

BUSINESS BOOK LEAGUE

Business Life of John Wanamaker, by Joseph H. Appel. Macmillan.

BUSINESS LIBRARIES

Common Stocks and the Average Man, by J. George Frederick. Business Bourse.
"The first authentic work based on post-panic conditions."

CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Cardinal Newman, by Lewis May. Dial Press.
Not only the latest life of Cardinal Newman, but the first to treat him as a human being rather than as a center of controversy.

DETECTIVE STORY CLUB

Card 13, by Mark Lee Luther and Lillian C. Ford. Bobbs-Merrill.
Murder off Broadway, by Leonard Falkner. Holt.
Received two votes for second place.

JUNIOR LITERARY GUILD

Earnest the Policeman (boys and girls 8-12 years), by S. G. Hulme Beaman. Oxford Press.
The Flight of the Heron (girls 12-16 years), by D. K. Broster. Coward, McCann.
The Trail of the Ragged Fox (boys 12-16 years), by Pitt L. Fitzgerald. Macrae Smith.

LITERARY GUILD

Human Mind, by Dr. Karl A. Menninger. Knopf.

POETRY CLAN

Firehead, by Lola Ridge. Brewer and Warren.

SCIENTIFIC BOOK CLUB

New World of Physical Discovery, by F. L. Darrow. Bobbs-Merrill.

Best Sellers

(from the Book Stores)

FICTION

Remarque. *All Quiet on the Western Front*. Little, Brown. $2.50.
Hemingway. *A Farewell to Arms*. Scribner. $2.50.
Wharton. *Hudson River Bracketed*. Appleton. $2.50.
De La Roche. *Whiteoaks of Jalna*. Little, Brown. $2.50.
Deeping. *Roper's Row*. Knopf. $2.50.
Lincoln. *Blair's Attic*. Coward-McCann. $2.
Bailey. *Burning Beauty*. Penn. $2.
Erskine. *Sincerity*. Bobbs-Merrill. $2.50.
Byrne. *Field of Honor*. Century. $2.50.
Scanlon. *God Have Mercy on Us!* Houghton Mifflin. $2.50.

NON-FICTION

Fay. *Franklin, the Apostle of Modern Times*. Little, Brown. $3.
Halliburton. *New Worlds to Conquer*. Bobbs-Merrill. $5.
Bowers. *The Tragic Era*. Houghton Mifflin. $5.
Sale. *The Specialist*. Specialist Pub. Co. $1.
Ludwig. *July '14*. Putnam. $3.50.
Brown. *Grandmother Brown's Hundred Years*. Little, Brown. $3.
Dimnet. *The Art of Thinking*. Simon & Schuster. $2.50.
Coolidge. *The Autobiography of Calvin Coolidge*. Cosmopolitan. $3.
Cantor. *Caught Short*. Simon & Schuster. $1.
Belloc. *Richelieu*. Lippincott. $5.

Recent Prize Awards

THE KLEIST prize for 1929, the most important literary award in Germany, was given to Anna Seghers for her novel, *The Revolt of the Fishermen*. Longmans, Green will publish the book this spring in a translation by Margaret Goldsmith. In the past, writers of such distinction as Arnold Zweig, Fritz von Unruh and Leonhard Frank have received the Kleist award.

Distributed Without Cost

A BRIEF history of motion pictures and the development of sound, *See and Hear*, by Will H. Hays, president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, has been issued and is being distributed without cost. Any library which has not received it may obtain it on application at the office of the company at 469 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Book Reviews

TALES FOR BIBLIOPHILES; trans. from the French and ed. by Theodore W. Koch. Chic., The Caxton Club, 1923. *Flaubert, Gustave. Bibliomania;* a tale, trans. by Theodore Wesley Koch. Evanston, Ill., Northwestern Univ. Lib., 1929. 75c.

DOCTOR KOCH has certainly done librarians as well as general readers a real service by translating and editing in his *Tales for Bibliophiles* five well-known French *contes* describing bibliomaniacs. This volume was issued as a publication of the Caxton Club. The tales included range in date from about 1832 to 1925. The first, Charles Nodier's *The Bibliomaniac*, is one of the most genial and perhaps the best known of these. Its hero resembles somewhat a combination of Charles Lamb and Anatole France's *Sylvestre Bonnard*. The second story, from the *Memoires* of the elder Dumas, is a delightful sketch, founded on fact, of a chance meeting with Nodier, whose enthusiastic description of a newly acquired copy of the rare Elzevir *Le Pastissier François*, caused Dumas in turn to become a collector of books. Charles Basset's *Copy of Hennepin*, which follows, is not entirely accurate in its statements regarding the scarcity of the specific book in question, but it is an amusing satire of the miserly bargain hunter whose love of books and of money conflict. The fourth sketch, Charles Asselineau's *A Bibliophile's Hell*, details the delirious dream of a bibliophile compelled by a demon to purchase at ruinous prices books of little or no value. The concluding sketch, Georges Duhamel's *Letter on Bibliophiles*, first appeared in 1925. It satirizes a collector who passes from general interest without knowledge to self-satisfied specialization, and who ends by selling his library to devote his days to compiling an analytical and annotated catalog of the catalogs he has collected.

A sixth tale was originally intended to be included in the book. This was Flaubert's *Bibliomania*, first published in 1837, the year after the execution in Barcelona of the bibliomaniac ex-priest, Don Vincente, who murdered a rival collector to secure a book which he believed unique. Andrew Lang, in Chapter 2 of his *The Library*, and Rosenbach, in his *Books and Bidders*, discuss this episode on which Flaubert's tale is based. Though it shows little of the author's later literary skill, it is a logical companion of the other five. Two French editions, three German and one Spanish, beside this by Doctor Koch, attest its popularity. It is regrettable that a faulty point of law in the conclusion kept it from inclusion in the earlier volume. Its exclusion, however, led to its separate publication in the square, blue-gray covered format familiar to the possessors of some of Doctor Koch's earlier monographs. The two books belong together.

The translation is admirably done. It is smooth, pleasing English, but at the same time true to the feeling, and usually to the letter, of the originals. Each story has an adequate introduction with a bibliography of the more important editions and translations. Copious, interesting notes, biographical and bibliographical, bear witness to the editor's wide and discriminating reading.

Physically, the books are delightful. The *Tales for Bibliophiles* was printed in an edition of 300. The presswork, in Goudy old style type on *Arches* paper, is excellent. An earlier edition was destroyed because not up to the exacting standard of the Publication Committee on this point. Flaubert's *Bibliomania* was printed by Paillart of Abbeville, France, in an edition of 500 numbered copies, also on *Arches* paper.

Aside from the fact that Nodier was a librarian and bibliographer of note and Asselineau a sublibrarian of the Bibliothèque Mazarine, these books should be salutary alike to those professionally and to those personally interested in books. The satire is intended as a corrective of excessive or misplaced zeal, but it is in every case directed against excess of a tendency which one feels the authors consider a virtue when duly exercised. It is, or should be, of value in giving a glimpse of the international and universal appeal of books.

As far as can be determined, this is the first collection in English entirely composed of stories of books and book collectors. It is a field which deserves further cultivation by translation. Octave Uzanne, Anatole France and Janin, who occur to me at the moment, illustrate the diversity of the *genre* in France alone.

The only regrettable feature of Doctor Koch's translations is the small number of copies available for libraries and readers generally. It will, therefore, be welcome news that there are many good reasons for believing that this first half dozen tales will be followed in due time by another similar collection by the same editor and translator.

FRANK K. WALTER,
Librarian, University of Minneapolis.

School Library News

Booklists with Personality

WHEN the Montclair junior high schools issued their new and novel revised list of books for home reading it was "with the belief that such a list could be so published that it would mechanically have power to interest a pupil at other times than when discussing it perfunctorily in class, and in the belief that a booklist can and ought to reflect the personality of the owner." In looking back over the school year we find that we have been justified in our beliefs. The "Booklists with Personality" have allowed their personality to pervade all school activities. Being loose-leaf, a convenient size, attractive in make-up, valuable as a reading guide, and an invaluable record of one's reading experiences, to keep such a booklist timely and interesting becomes the desire of every owner. To give you an idea how this has been done at Hillside School we may cite the following:

Enthusiasm over the class party was running high. Every ninth grade pupil had been given an opportunity to book passage on THE GOOD TIMES CRUISE sponsored by the HILLSIDE NAUTICAL ASSOCIATION. The S.S. JAZZMANIA of the HALF DOLLAR LINE was to leave the pier at the foot of Cafeteria Row on May 10 at 6:30, Eastern Standard Time. Passports were to be distributed at noon. As it happened, not only passports were received, but also bright colored sheets headed

READ BEFORE—AND AFTER—YOU TRAVEL
Suggestions gleaned from our
own book list

giving titles and authors of interesting and entertaining travel stories with brief annotations. These sheets were just the size of the book-list pages and punched to fit. Copies of the books listed, travel posters and current numbers of the travel magazines subscribed to by the library helped create the "atmosphere" of the lounge. When a travel book is suggested for outside reading the bright-colored page is quickly turned to and checked for choices.

May 15, 1929, was a memorable day, for it brought the announcement of the winner of the Newbery Medal. There had been an exhibition in the library of the books which had previously won the medal. The bulletin boards displayed pictures of the authors, illustrations from the books, notes of interest about John Newbery, and a picture of Frederic G. Melcher, the donor of the medal, with an article about his life and interests. During the session room period a member of the library committee made the round of the rooms with a news sheet issued from the library. The announcement read:

Eric P. Kelly has just been awarded the
John Newbery Medal
for his book *The Trumpeter of Krakow.*
The book may be seen in the school library.
Copies may be obtained at the Public Library.
It is a mystery story in an unusual setting—
Poland in medieval times. The pictures
were made in Poland by the Princess
Pruszynska.

The bell for dismissal brought a queue of eager girls and boys to see the book. The Anne C. Moore page of *The Three Owls*, which was devoted to a review of *The Trumpeter of Krakow*, was supplemented by the enthusiastic remarks of those children who happily had read the story. Nothing would do but that their librarian should bring an autographed copy to them from the very scene of the presentation, the A. L. A. Convention in Washington, D. C. An immediate search began for pictures of Mr. Kelly, for illustrations of the book, for publisher's blurbs, for the family copies of *The Three Owls* page. All of which became choice material for additional pages in the cherished book lists.

With summer came June—with June came commencement — with commencement came gifts, parting advice and greetings. The greeting from their school librarian took the form of a letter printed on paper the size of a booklist page which read

TALLY-HO! YE HOBBY RIDERS!!

When school is done and the post-mortems of the last exam have been said, "give a man a horse he can ride." Many of the horses chosen will be hobby-horses that have been a-rearin' to go. Some will ride down to the sea. Ere he go "give a man a book he can read." May we suggest Beard's *Boatbuilding and Boating,* Cavileer's *Model Boat Building for Boys,* and those readable "Yarns of the sea and of sailors."

Others will ride to the land of Hammer and Saw. We know that they will more thoroughly enjoy their stay if they have the following books in their packs: Blackburn's *Boy Activity Projects, The Boy Mechanic,* Griffith's *Woodwork for Beginners,* Hall's *Handicraft for Handy Boys,* Polkinghorne's *Toymaking in School and Home,* Stanley Plant's *How to Work with Tools and Wood,* and William's *How to Make Things.*

Still others will go trotting to the airports. Balloon riding had to satisfy Tom Sawyer. Today's Toms can enjoy riding in Byrd's *Skyward,* Crump's *Boy's Book of Airmen,* Earhart's *20 Hrs. 40 Mins.,* Green's *Dick Byrd-Air Explorer,* LaPage's *A B C of Flight,* Lindbergh's *We.*

When it becomes too foggy for flying, nothing can be more fascinating than the Little Theatre. What a fund of interesting material is found in Leeming's *New Book of Magic,* Mackay's *Children's Theatres and Plays,* Mills and Dunn's *Marionettes, Masks and Shadows,* Stoddard's *Book of Marionette Plays,* Young's *Stage Costuming.*

The curtain having fallen upon the last play in the repertoire, we may wish to turn to our stamp collection. Without Scott's *Stamp and Coin Catalogue* we would be philatelists lost. *Description of U. S. Postage Stamps and Postal Cards* and Warren's *Pageant of Civilization* have been fascinating us. To say nothing of the new book, *Stamp Collecting, Why, and How,* by Thorp.

Hurrah for Phœbus Apollo! Once more we can take to the open road. Shall we *Walk, Look and Listen* with Fuller, or go with Sir Lisle and his Eagle Scouts? They named the story of their journey *Hobnails and Heather.* Peck's *Storybook Europe* will give you entertaining stories of places you visit abroad. Coming nearer home, do you know *Chatt Roland?* Linwood Righter will introduce you to him and tell you of his life among the fish pirates of the New Jersey coast.

Again TALLY-HO! and may you have a pleasant ride astride your hobby is the wish of your librarian,

PAULINE J. SCHMID,
Hillside School Library.
June 20th, 1929.

Students Encouraged to Own Books

AT VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY Library an experiment is being tried to encourage the students to buy and own reference books. On a table in the reading room a number of such books are assembled, each book having a paper streamer folded around it. The streamer bears the publisher's name and the price of the book, and in some instances there is a reference to other editions of the same book. On a nearby display board the books are listed, some of them several times, to form groups that can be bought for various lump sums—a $5 reference library, a $10 one, and so on. However, most people seem to prefer to handle the actual books, and to group them according to their own needs and the contents of their own purses. One person may choose Roget's *Thesaurus* at $2.50, Reinach's *Apollo* at $2, and *The World Almanac* at 50 cents. Another may decide on Gayley's *Classic Myths* at $1.92, Phyfe's 18,000 *Words Often Mispronounced* at $2, and Cushing's *Manual of Parliamentary Practice* at 75 cents (or Roberts' *Rules of Order* at $1.25 or more). For a $10 collection some of the same books might be used, adding one or more medium-priced foreign language dictionaries. Most of the books and editions have been chosen because of their cheapness, but more expensive ones have been included, for example, Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations* at $5, and Stevenson's *Home Book of Verse* at $15. And Lester Bartholomew's newly issued list showing the comparative merits of all of the well-known encyclopedias is posted conspicuously.

Government's Pedagogical Library

IN THE present Office of Education of the United States is a highly specialized pedagogical library of 135,000 books containing a great variety of material, including works relating to subject matter in the curriculum of all grades of public and private schools, the training of teachers, and research relative to education. Almost a complete file of all educational periodicals is a part of the library and in the collection are annual and biennial reports of State superintendents of public instruction, and all official publications of the states. Among the collections of early books are some rare and quaint old bindings as well as early contents which furnish material of great interest to the student of education.

American School of the Air

STARTING Feb. 4 the "American School of the Air," which will bring together a distinguished group of nationally known educators in an educational series, will be presented twice weekly for seventeen weeks by the Columbia Broadcasting System. Dr. William C. Bagley, Professor of Education, Teachers' College, Columbia University, will head the Advisory Faculty as its Dean. While this faculty is as yet incomplete, other noted leaders in the Educational Fields who have accepted positions are: Henry Turner Bailey, the noted authority of the Cleveland Museum of Art; Hoard Hanson, Director of Eastman School of Music; P. W. Dykema, head of the Music Department of Teachers' College, Columbia University, and Miss Effie Power, head of the Children's Division of the American Library Association.

Book Selection on World Affairs, V

The World Peace Foundation Mobilizes the Opinions of Experts Throughout the United States

International Law

Hyde, C. C. *International Law Chiefly as Interpreted and Applied by the United States.* 2 v. (14 votes) Little. 1922. $25.

"An admirable treatise."

Recommended as Advanced by Cornell, Eagleton, Egbert, Fenwick, Garner, Goodrich, Hershey, Hinckley, Potter, Wright; as Intermediate by Burdick, Colvin, Stewart.

Fenwick, C. G. *International Law.* (12 votes) Century. 1924. $4.

"One of the best textbooks."

Recommended as Advanced by Fenwick; as Intermediate by Eagleton, Hershey; as Elementary by Colvin, Cornell, Egbert, Garner, Hinckley, Potter, Stewart, Wright.

Oppenheim, L. F. L. *International Law.* 2 v. (12 votes) Longmans. 1926-1928. v. 1, $15; v. 2, $12.50.

"It is very comprehensive and . . . very well written."

Recommended as Advanced by Cornell, Eagleton, Fenwick, Garner, Goodrich, Hershey, Wright; as Intermediate by Burdick, Colvin, Egbert, Hinckley, Stewart.

Hall, W. E. *Treatise on International Law.* (11 votes) Oxford. 1925. $12.

"One of the best of the standard treatises."

Recommended as Advanced by Colvin, Eagleton, Fenwick, Goodrich, Hershey, Wright; as Intermediate by Burdick, Egbert, Garner, Potter, Stewart.

Hershey, A. S. *Essentials of International Public Law and Organization.* (11 votes) Macmillan. 1927. $4.75.

". . . Careful, thorough and discriminating . . ."

Recommended as Advanced by Fenwick; as Intermediate by Colvin, Eagleton, Goodrich; as Elementary by Burdick, Egbert, Garner, Potter, Stewart, Wright.

Moore, J. B. *Digest of International Law.* 8 v. (9 votes) U. S. Government Printing Office. 1906. $15.

"Quite invaluable."

Recommended as Advanced by Burdick, Colvin, Eagleton, Egbert, Goodrich, Hershey, Hinckley, Stewart, Wright.

Wilson, G. G. *Handbook of International Law.* (6 votes) West. 1927. $4.50.

". . . Affords an excellent basic outline-summary of the topics handled in considerable detail in longer books."

Recommended as Intermediate by Colvin, Cornell, Potter; as Elementary by Burdick, Egbert, Hinckley.

Brierly, J. L. *Law of Nations.* (5 votes) Oxford. 1928. $2.

"A brief but scholarly survey of international law."

Recommended as Intermediate by Fenwick, Goodrich; as Elementary by Burdick, Cornell, Garner.

Lawrence, T. J. *Principles of International Law.* (5 votes) Heath. 1923. $3.60.

"A well-known and popular textbook."

Recommended as Advanced by Goodrich; as Intermediate by Eagleton; as Elementary by Garner, Hershey, Potter.

Wilson, G. G. *International Law.* (5 votes) Silver Burdette. 1922. $4.

"Prepared by a scholar for classes, but in simple and abbreviated form."

Recommended as Intermediate by Fenwick, Goodrich; as Elementary by Eagleton, Egbert, Hershey.

Borchard, E. M. *Diplomatic Protection of Citizens Abroad.* (4 votes) Banks. 1927. $10.

"A learned treatise."

Recommended as Advanced by Eagleton, Egbert, Garner, Goodrich.

Dickinson, E. D. *Selection of Cases and Other Readings on the Law of Nations.* (4 votes) McGraw. 1929. $6.

"A very valuable collection of materials."

Recommended as Advanced by Fenwick, Goodrich, Potter; as Intermediate by Cornell.

Scott, J. B. *Cases on International Law.* (4 votes) West. 1922. $6.

"Standard case book."

Recommended as Advanced by Hershey, Potter, Stewart; as Intermediate by Cornell.

Westlake, John. *Treatise on Private International Law.* (4 votes) Carswell. 1925. $8.50.

"One of the most profound books on international law ever written."

Recommended as Advanced by Eagleton, Garner; as Intermediate by Hershey, Hinckley.

American Journal of International Law. Quarterly. (3 votes) American Society of International Law. 1907.

"Current information and discussion."

Recommended as Advanced by Burdick, Eagleton, Hinckley.

Eagleton, Clyde. *Responsibility of States in International Law.* (3 votes) New York University Press. 1928. $6.

"A valuable treatise on one of the most important subjects of international law."

Recommended as Advanced by Burdick, Garner, Wright.

Garner, J. W. *International Law and the World War.* 2 v. (3 votes) Longmans. 1920. $20.

"Very comprehensive survey."

Recommended as Advanced by Burdick, Hershey, Potter.

Ralston, J. H. *Law and Procedure of International Tribunals.* (3 votes) Stanford University Press. 1926. $5.

"A very scholarly and practical treatise."

Recommended as Advanced by Hill, Potter, Wright.

Cobbett, Pitt. *Leading Cases and Opinions on International Law.* (2 votes) Carswell. 1922-1924. pt. 1, $4.75; pt. 2, $7.50.

"A very valuable collection of cases and opinions with scholarly notes."

Recommended as Advanced by Goodrich, Stewart.

Crandall, S. B. *Treaties, Their Making and Enforcement.* (2 votes) Byrne. 1916. $10.

Recommended as Advanced by Burdick, Stewart.

Culbertson, W. S. *International Economic Policies.* (2 votes) Appleton. 1925. $3.50.

Recommended as Advanced by Fenwick, Hershey.

Dickinson, E. D. *Equality of States in International Law.* (2 votes) Harvard University Press. 1920. $4.

Recommended as Advanced by Cornell, Wright.

Grotius, Hugo. *The Law of War and Peace.* (2 votes) Oxford. 1925. (Classics of International Law, ed. by J. B. Scott.) $10.50.

Recommended as Advanced by Colvin, Eagleton.

Higgins, A. P. *Studies in International Law and International Relations.* (2 votes) Macmillan. 1928. $5.

Recommended as Intermediate by Garner, Hinckley.

Jessup, P. C. *Law of Territorial Waters and Maritime Jurisdiction.* (2 votes) Jennings. 1927. $9.

Recommended as Advanced by Burdick, Colvin.

Lauterpacht, Hersh. *Private Law Sources and Analogies of International Law.* (2 votes) Longmans. 1927. $8.50.

Recommended as Advanced by Cornell, Wright.

League of Nations. Publications—especially noted, *Official Journal Treaty Series.* (2 votes) Geneva. 1920.

Recommended as Advanced by Burdick, Colvin.

Mattern, Johannes. *Concepts of State, Sovereignty and International Law.* (2 votes) Johns Hopkins. 1928. $2.50.

"Relates concepts of sovereignty to international law."

Recommended as Advanced by Colvin, Cornell.

Moore, J. B. *History and Digest of International Arbitrations.* (2 votes) U. S. Government Printing Office. 1898. (Out of print.)

"Best American source book of international arbitrations."

Recommended as Advanced by Egbert, Stewart.

Moore, J. B. *International Law and Some Current Illusions.* (2 votes) Macmillan. 1924. $4.

"A critical discussion of some of the popular illusions about international law by a great authority."

Recommended as Intermediate by Garner.

Permanent Court of International Justice. Publications, *The Hague.* (2 votes) World Peace Foundation, Boston, American Agent. 1922—

Recommended as Advanced by Burdick, Colvin.

Potter, P. B. *Introduction to the Study of International Organization.* (2 votes) Century. 1928. $4.

"A good study of the machinery of international relations as distinct from the law."

Recommended as Advanced by Fenwick; as Intermediate by Wright.

Read, E. F. *International Law and International Relations.* (2 votes) American Foundation. 1925. 75c.

"Prepared for popular consumption, but reliable."

Recommended as Elementary by Colvin, Eagleton.

Satow, Sir E. M. *Guide to Diplomatic Practice.* 2 v. (2 votes) Longmans. 1922. $14.

"This still remains the best work on the general practice of diplomacy."

Recommended as Advanced by Egbert, Goodrich.

Shotwell, J. T. *War as an Instrument of National Policy and Its Renunciation in the Pact of Paris.* (2 votes) Harcourt. 1929. $3.50.

Recommended as Advanced by Fenwick; as Intermediate by Wright.

Stockton, C. H. *Outlines of International Law.* (2 votes) Scribners. 1914. $2.75.

Recommended as Elementary by Burdick, Hershey.

Treatises, Conventions, International Acts, Protocols and Agreements between United States and other Powers, 1776-1923. 3 v. (2 votes) U. S. Government Printing Office. 1923. v. 1 and 2, $1.25 each; v. 3, $1.50.

Recommended as Advanced by Burdick, Hill.

Vattel, E. de. *Law of Nations.* (2 votes) Carnegie Institution of Washington. 1916. (Classics of International Law, ed. by J. B. Scott.)

Recommended as Advanced by Colvin, Eagleton.

Wheaton, H. *Elements of International Law.* (2 votes) Dana's ed. (Out of print.)

"An American classic."

Recommended as Advanced by Eagleton, Goodrich.

Cooperating Professors: Charles K. Burdick, Cornell Law School, Cornell University; H. Milton Colvin, College of Law, Tulane University; Robert F. Cornell, Kalamazoo College; Clyde Eagleton, New York University; Lawrence D. Egbert, Northwestern University; Charles G. Fenwick, Bryn Mawr College; J. W. Garner, University of Illinois; Leland M. Goodrich, Brown University; Amos S. Hershey, Indiana University; Charles E. Hill, George Washington University; Frank E. Hinckley, University of California; Pitman B. Potter, University of Wisconsin; Irvin Stewart, University of Texas; Charles I. Twick, Centre College; Quincy Wright, University of Chicago.

All titles recommended by two or more different professors and arranged in order of votes received.

In the Library World

Irish Refuse Gift to Build Library

THE CANADIAN PRESS reports that, believing it would be better to devote the money to relieving poverty in the county, the Council of Leitrim County has refused to accept a grant of $4,750 from the Carnegie Foundation for the establishment of a library. Acceptance of the grant would have necessitated a levy of a tax of 2 cents in $5 and the appointment of a librarian, working out at an impost of about 12 cents on each farmer. Members opposing acceptance of the grant considered the money would be better used in stocking derelict farms or providing bags of flour for the impoverished in one of the poorest counties in Ireland.

Carnegie Corporation Grants

A GRANT of $100,000 was made recently to the British Columbia Library Commission by the Carnegie Corporation of New York in the interest of library extension in that province. The attempt to distribute books in the sparsely settled and inaccessible regions of the Province creates a technical situation of unusual interest, and the success of the Commission in dealing with it will be watched with interest throughout the English-speaking world.

Six grants have also been made to library schools. The Atlanta Library School received $10,000; the University of Denver, $5,000 for the preliminary work of organizing a library school to serve the Rocky Mountain region; the University of Kentucky, $1,800 for continuation of a summer session for school librarians; the Carnegie Library School in Pittsburgh, $3,950, to continue a summer session for the training of elementary school librarians; the St. Louis Library School, $3,000; Hampton Institute Library School, $10,900 for the support of the school in its regular session and $1,600 for the summer session for school librarians.

Fellowship grants for study and research in library problems will be available to a limited number of librarians through a fund set aside by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. The purpose of the grant is to enable persons who have shown promise of capacity to contribute to the advancement of the library profession, to pursue a year of study in connection with an educational institution approved by the Advisory Group on Library Grants. In general, candidates should be graduates of approved colleges or universities, and should have had one year's work in a library school, but these requirements may be waived in exceptional cases. The stipend will be $1,500 or more and will vary according to the requirements of individual students. When warranted, the stipend may be renewed for a second year. Application for fellowship grants for the school year 1930-31 should be filed before March 1, 1930, with the Advisory Group on Library Fellowship Grants, Carnegie Corporation, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York. Applications will be acted upon before May 1, and applicants will be notified as soon as possible.

San Jose to Give Librarianship Degree

THE ONLY institution providing library instruction for the undergraduate and giving a degree in librarianship on the west coast is the distinction San Jose State College may now claim. The only other accredited library school in the state is at the University of California, which is for graduate students, but there is a small school maintained in connection with the Riverside Public Library. The library course at San Jose is in charge of a faculty of six trained librarians and a holder of the library degree from this school may serve as school librarian or teach library work. Both the degree of librarianism and the supervision and administration credentials are subject to a four-year course.

Toronto University Plans Enlarging

THE UNIVERSITY of Toronto, which has now the largest university library in Canada, is feeling the pressure of the ever-increasing attendance, especially in the graduate schools, and therefore the Board of Governors has appointed a committee to consider a plan for enlarging the capacity to house at least a million volumes.

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Catalog's Centenary Exhibit

A SPECIAL exhibit made up of books which have been in the library of the University of Pennsylvania for at least one hundred years has been opened in the Franklin Room of the University Library on the campus in observance of the centenary anniversary of the library's first printed catalog. In comparison with the 700,000 books on the shelves of the University library today, its original catalog, which was printed in 1829 when the library was about eighty years old, lists only 1000 volumes. The majority of the books in that collection, however, are still in the library's possession and are in good condition despite their age.

A. L. A. Headquarters Survey

THE COMMITTEE on A. L. A. Activities met in Chicago Oct. 25-26 and made a survey of headquarters. Conferences with heads of departments and with the secretary and assistant secretary gave the committee much needed information in preparing its report. This information is being supplemented by letters to various groups of the A. L. A. membership. Letters have been sent up to this time to (1) a cross-section of the membership, including about 1000 names; (2) present officers and members of Executive Board and Council and members of same for past three years; (3) chairmen of committees and sections.

It is planned later to send letters to extension workers, readers' advisers, library school directors and heads of other training agencies, these letters asking for opinions on A. L. A. activities related to the work of the above.

The work of the committee has been divided as follows: Miss Countryman will give special attention to library extension and adult education, Mr. Meyer to professional training, and the chairman to more general activities.

A copy of the letter sent to the cross-section of the membership read as follows:

"The Committee on A. L. A. Activities, authorized by the Council at the West Baden Conference in 1928, has been instructed to make a scrutiny of the activities of the association with the view of suggesting to the Council possible changes of policy. The committee is now engaged in such a survey. One of the methods which the committee proposes to use is to obtain from a cross-section of the members of the association their suggestions on and criticisms of the work and policies of the association.

"In making this selection we have taken the first four names (not including institutional members) on each page of the list in the A. L. A. Handbook, or approximately 1000 names.

"We especially would like to know your opinion of the activities the association is now carrying on and also what you think the association might be doing which would be of greater importance than its present activities. We desire the utmost frankness, as otherwise your letter will be of no value to us. We may wish to quote from letters received, but names of those writing them will not be given.

"The committee is approaching its difficult task wholly with the idea of making constructive criticism and recommendations, and to do this we must have facts from all angles. We shall greatly appreciate your careful consideration of and compliance with this request. Please mail your answer to the chairman at the address indicated below.

(Signed) C. H. COMPTON,
Chairman, St. Louis Public Library."

The committee is receiving answers to this letter from many of those to whom it was mailed, but it will appreciate equally letters from any other members of the association who have suggestions or criticisms to make.

GRATIA A. COUNTRYMAN,
Minneapolis Public Library.
H. H. B. MEYER,
Library of Congress, Washington.
CHARLES H. COMPTON, Chairman,
St. Louis Public Library.

Library Has Ukulele Club

THE CAMDEN, N. J., Public Library Association has a Ukulele Glee Club consisting of thirteen members. Organized in a more or less impromptu manner for temporary entertainment purposes last summer, the club is now in demand at all meetings of the Association. The last appearance of the club was at the annual Christmas meeting when the girls sang Christmas carols accompanied by their ukeleles.

National Drama Week

NATIONAL Drama Week of 1930 is to be celebrated the week of Feb. 9-15 with each day of the week dedicated to a different phase of drama's many significant relationships. Sunday, Feb. 9, is to be devoted to "Drama and the Church"; Monday to "Professional Theatre Day"; Tuesday, "Drama and the Clubs and Organizations"; Wednesday, "Drama and the Radio"; Thursday, "Drama in the Community"; Friday, "Drama in Education"; Saturday, "Drama in Print."

Free

THE SPONSORS of the publication of the Sacco-Vanzetti Record have a few sets which they will be glad to send gratis to libraries that have not received the Record. Applications will be filled in the order received as long as sets are available. Address Bernard Flexner, 40 Exchange Place, New York City.

British Museum Catalog Subscribers

THE ATTENTION of American librarians is called to the accompanying list of suscribers to the *British Museum Catalog.* We need 200 subscribers if the American quota is to be reached, and if American libraries are to receive the advantage of the discount furnished by the funds promised by Dr. Capps of the General Education Board. If the 200 subscribers are not secured, the offer lapses, and whether the project is carried through or is passed over by the Museum authorities can be settled only by time.

The British Museum is under no obligation to print this continuation, has stated that it will undertake the work if support is assured, and has given the world fair warning that the greater part of this support must come from American libraries, from whom have come the most vociferous and most insistent appeals for a new edition of the catalog.

This list is printed in geographical form, so that every librarian to whose attention it is called may see for himself how well his section of the country is represented. If libraries come to mind that are not represented here, every reader of the list is requested to send these names to the undersigned at the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C., with suggestions of any possible sources from which help can reasonably be expected in securing their subscriptions. In the case of college libraries, the question comes to mind whether an appeal could be made to the enthusiasm of loyal alumni. Suggestions will be gratefully received and will be followed to the fullest extent of the ability of the committee in charge.

H. H. B. MEYER,
Chairman, "British Museum Catalog,"
Bibliographical Society of America.

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- Amherst: Amherst College Library
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- New London: Connecticut College Library

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- Albany: New York State Library
- Buffalo: Grosvenor Library
  University of Buffalo Library
- Clinton: Hamilton College Library
- Geneva: Hobart College Library
- Hamilton: Colgate University Library
- Ithaca: Cornell University Library
- New York City: Columbia University Library (2 sets)
  Eames, Wilberforce
  Grolier Club Library
  New York Historical Society Library
  New York Public Library (2 sets)
  New York University Library
  Teachers College Library
  Union Theological Seminary Library
- Poughkeepsie: Vassar College Library
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  University of Rochester Library
- Schenectady: Union College Library
- Syracuse: Syracuse University Library

New Jersey:
- New Brunswick: Rutgers College Library
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- Bethlehem: Lehigh University Library
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- Harrisburg: Pennsylvania State Library
- Philadelphia: American Philosophical Society Library
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- Pittsburgh: Carnegie Library
  University of Pittsburgh Library
- State College: Pennsylvania State College Library
- Swarthmore: Swarthmore College Library

Delaware:
- Wilmington: Wilmington Institute Free Library

Maryland:
- Baltimore: Enoch Pratt Free Library
  Garret, John W.
  Goucher College Library
  Johns Hopkins University Library
  Peabody Institute Library

District of Columbia:
- Washington: Army Medical Museum
  Library of Congress (3 sets)

Virginia:
- Charlottesville: University of Virginia Library
- Williamsburg: William and Mary College Library

West Virginia:

North Carolina:
- Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Library
- Durham: Duke University Library

South Carolina:

Georgia:
- Atlanta: Carnegie Library
  Emory University Library

Florida
- Jacksonville: Jacksonville Public Library

Alabama:

Mississippi:
- University: University of Mississippi Library

Louisiana:
- Baton Rouge: Louisiana State Library
- New Orleans: Howard Memorial Library
  Tulane University Library

Tennessee:
- Knoxville: University of Tennessee Library
- Nashville: Vanderbilt University Library

Kentucky:
- Lexington: University of Kentucky Library
- Louisville: Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Library

Ohio:
- Athens: Ohio University Library
- Cincinnati: Cincinnati Public Library
  University of Cincinnati Library
- Cleveland: Adelbert College Library
  Cleveland Public Library
- Columbus: Ohio State University Library
- Dayton: Dayton Public Library
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- Bloomington: Indiana University Library
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Ann Arbor:	University of Michigan Library (2 sets)
Detroit:	Detroit Public Library
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Toronto:	Toronto Public Library
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Library Organizations

Rural Library Institute

ALICE S. TYLER, until recently dean of the Library School of Western Reserve University, has accepted the directorship of the Rural Library Extension Institute, and Harriet C. Long of the Wisconsin Free Library Commission and author of *County Library Service*, will conduct one of the courses, according to word received from A. L. A. Headquarters.

The Institute, which is being planned by the A. L. A. Committee on Library Extension, as announced in THE LIBRARY JOURNAL for Jan. 15, will be in session from June 30-July 18 at the College of Agriculture of the University of Wisconsin at Madison. It will be held in connection with the annual Rural Leadership Summer School of the College of Agriculture.

Miss Tyler, who is an outstanding figure in library activity, will conduct the lectures and discussion groups in state library extension.

Since the Institute courses are for advanced students, the informal discussion method rather than the lecture plan will be used. Projects will be initiated and carried through as far as possible. The curriculum will include courses in two fields of rural life in addition to the two library courses. Prompt registration is required, and communications should be addressed to the Executive Assistant, Committee on Library Extension, American Library Association, Chicago.

New York School Librarians

THE JANUARY meeting of the New York School Librarians' Association took place Saturday, Jan. 18, in the library of the new DeWitt Clinton High School, with President Maud McClellan, librarian of Wadleigh High School Library, New York City, presiding. The program consisted of a series of open discussions on what is being done by the libraries of the New York high schools to encourage the individual students to do wider reading, to form better reading habits, and stimulate creative ability.

First Meeting of Pasadena Club

THE FIRST meeting of the Pasadena Library Club, recently held in the lecture hall of the Pasadena Public Library, was an informal buffet supper. Eighty members assembled to do honor to George Watson Cole, librarian emeritus of the Henry E. Huntington Library, who as chief speaker of the evening told of his trip as official delegate to the World's Congress of Librarians and Bibliographers held in Italy in June. In addition to the regular business of the club, a committee was appointed which drew up a resolution protesting the recent action of the City Directors in curtailing the vacation period of the Pasadena city librarians. Willis H. Kerr, librarian of Pomona College Library, was appointed chairman of this committee.

The Open Round Table

Salutation to A. L. A. Membership for the Last Week of June

CALIFORNIANS associated with library work rejoice unitedly that the American Library Association will hold its annual meeting in Los Angeles from June 23 to 28. Already we are feeling the glow of welcoming plans and are crowding all the bad weather possible into January, so that wind and rain will be exhausted by June.

This fifty-second conference of the association will be the fourth to be held in California —San Francisco in 1891, Pasadena in 1911, Berkeley in 1915, and now for the first time— Los Angeles.

Since A. L. A. members last journeyed to California in the year of the San Francisco exhibition, much library development has been accomplished in the south of the State. To mention large plants only, the great Huntington Library has been deeded to the public, and new buildings of the Pasadena and Los Angeles Public Libraries have been completed, the Pomona, Claremont and Scripps' College group has been organized, and the new campus of the University of California in Los Angeles has within the present year been opened.

Workers in every type of library activity, librarians and trustees of research, university, college, school, special, county and public libraries join in urging you all to tip the continent to a hazardous Pacific slope in the rush you will make westward to the first meeting of the 1930s.

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Two Books Identical

To the Editor of THE LIBRARY JOURNAL:

We have recently received two books, one published by D. C. Heath Company in their Social Relations Series. It is entitled "Economics and Ethics; A Study in Social Values," by J. A. Hobson, with a foreword by Jerome Davis. Yale University. On the reverse of the title page it says, "Copyright 1929, printed in the United States."

The second book was received about a week later in a shipment from England. It is entitled "Wealth and Life; A Study in Values," by J. A. Hobson, Macmillan & Company, London, 1929. On the reverse of the title page is printed "Norwood Press, Norwood, Mass., U. S. A."

The two books are identical, with the exception that the Heath edition has a two-page foreword by J. Davis, Yale University. The titles of the books vary, of course, but the chapter headings are exactly the same, and the books are printed from the same plates. Upon inquiry at the office of the Macmillan Company in New York City they informed us that they do not carry the title in stock.

Here is a book which libraries would undoubtedly duplicate if they were tempted to buy Hobson's book (and Hobson is a first-class writer of Economics) with a changed title and no indication whatever that it is the same book. In such an instance it seems to me that the American publisher, in listing his book, should add a note saying that this book was printed in London under the title "Wealth and Life: A Study in Values," by J. A. Hobson, Macmillan Co.

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A Librarian Honors His President — *An Appreciation by Frank P. Hill*

FOR TWENTY-NINE YEARS it has been my good fortune to work with and under Honorable David A. Boody, President of the Board of Trustees of the Brooklyn Public Library, whose death occurred on the 20th of January in the ninety-third year of his age.

When I came to Brooklyn in 1901, Dr. Boody had been president for four years. It was his persuasive voice and promise of support of the whole Board of Trustees that induced me to leave a comfortable position as librarian of the Free Public Library of Newark, N. J. (where we had been in a new library building only two months) and accept the Brooklyn offer to undertake the arduous duties of building up the Brooklyn Public Library.

Only once (in my first year) did I regret the change, and that was when a city official tried to prevent the trustees from leasing a very desirable property. Dr. Boody's conciliatory efforts calmed my fears in short order; and from that moment I placed great reliance upon his judgment, reliability and fairness.

He was a teacher, lawyer, banker, Congressman and Mayor, and all of these positions he filled to the satisfaction of his associates.

He was kindly, courteous, and tactful in all things; and was an admirable presiding officer, being thoughtful and considerate of the rights and feelings of others, and never entering into debate without leaving the chair.

His real joy was in aiding the development of the Brooklyn Public Library system. It was his child, and in his fatherly guidance it was nourished and grew to fair proportions.

President Boody has been quite properly called "The Father of the Brooklyn Public Library," and rightly so, for he obtained its charter and was its first and only president, until his death—a period of thirty-three years. It has even been suggested that the new Central Building, now in the course of construction, be called the "David A. Boody Library," but I fear he would not approve of it if alive, as he believed the library belonged to the whole people and that no one name should be so honored.

In his life it was his wish to reach the great mass of readers and to spread the reading habit and library influence to every part of Brooklyn, and that spirit lives after him.

Brooklyn has no Central Building, although plans for such were approved in 1907 and part of one wing erected in 1918. The war and other complications delayed the work until two years ago, when $1,000,000 were appropriated by the city to continue work on the wing, and last year, when another $1,000,000 was set aside for the completion of the foundation for the whole building.

From the beginning Dr. Boody took a lively interest in this project and did everything possible to get action by the City Fathers. And he never gave up the fight or lost courage, but continued to use his influence with the trustees and Board of Estimate in efforts to secure additional appropriations. He was deeply concerned at the delays which he could not understand; and it was with great satisfaction that he saw from his windows about two years ago construction work again started. His faith was constant and was rewarded, for the last view he had of the building was on the day the steam shovel began work on the remainder of the foundation.

President Boody identified himself with every phase of library work from the standpoint of a trustee. He attended many meetings of the National Association of Librarians, a few of the State Association, and several of those held in Atlantic City.

His generosity to and practical interest in the staff were shown in 1927 by his unexpected and worth while gift of $50,000. This was an outright gift to the staff, to be managed by a committee of the staff in cooperation with the chairman of the Administration Committee of the Board. It was later established as the David A. Boody Foundation, the income of which was to be used for the benefit of members of the staff and could be used as a loan given outright in case of illness. For two years he witnessed the practical application of the income and was delighted with the success of his plan.

This was the first gift of this sort ever given to a library, and its example has been followed in at least one other city.

David A. Boody was a model trustee and a model citizen, who gave time and money to further the educational interests of the people of Brooklyn. He leaves a memory which trustees and librarians connected with the Brooklyn Library will ever hold in fond remembrance.

He was indeed a true friend of libraries and librarians.

The latest portrait of Dr. Boody, aged 91, was published in THE LIBRARY JOURNAL for Jan. 1, 1928.

Public Libraries

MARY H. DAVIS, N. Y. S. '13, assistant librarian of the Brookline (Mass.) Public Library since 1925, resigned to accept the librarianship of the Medford (Mass.) Public Library.

LOTTA L. FLEEK, Wisconsin '10, has been temporarily assigned to the Adult Education Department of the Library Association of Portland.

GLADYS JEAN HAMLEY, N. Y. P. L. '29, has joined the staff of the Library Association of Portland, where she will be in the Reference Department until June.

GERTRUDE C. HARTMAN, N. Y. P. '26, has taken a position as reference assistant in the periodical division of the New York Public Library.

SALLY HODGSON, Columbia '28, who has been connected with the Children's Department of the New York Public Library since her graduation, was promoted to the headship of the Children's Department of the George Bruce Branch in October.

MRS. SONIA HUDOBENKO was appointed, on January second, acting librarian of the Foreign Department of Providence, R. I., Public Library.

HELEN JOHNS, Pratt '21, formerly librarian of the Longview, Washington, Public Library, is doing temporary work in the Circulation Department of the Portland Public Library.

GLADYS T. JONES, N. Y. S. '25, has resigned her position as librarian of Cedar Crest College, Allentown, Pa., to become cataloger in the East Cleveland Public Library, Ohio.

The Calendar

April 4-5—Pennsylvania Library Club and New Jersey Library Association, annual meeting at Hotel Chelsea, Atlantic City, N. J.

May 1-2—Louisiana Library Association, annual meeting at Monroe, La.

June 23-28—American Library Association, annual meeting at Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, Cal.

June 30-July 18—A rural library extension institute at the College of Agriculture, University of Wisconsin.

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Wanted—A cataloger by the Carnegie Public Library, Boise, Idaho. College and library school training required.

Trained librarian with college degree and several years of library experience will be free for position Feb. 1. Assistant in reference department or a combination of cataloging and reference work preferred. B-11.

Young woman, college and library school graduate, with two years' experience as college librarian and several years' teaching experience, wishes a temporary library position for the summer. B-10.

Young woman with eight years' experience as assistant children's librarian desires to change position. A-14.

School librarian wants position for the summer; camp work, summer school, or rural traveling work. A-16.

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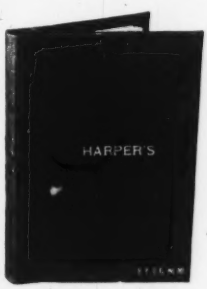

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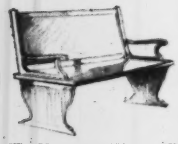

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